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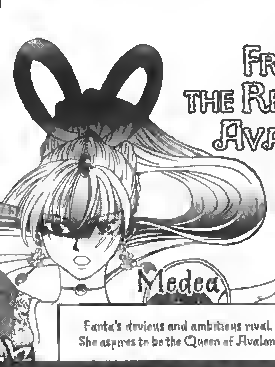
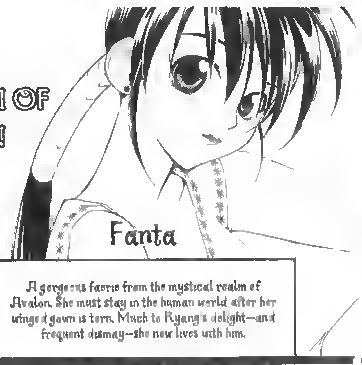


Medea

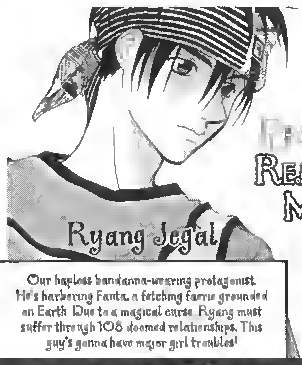
Fanta's devious and ambitious rival. She aspires to be the Queen of Avalon.



Fanta

A gorgeous faerie from the mystical realm of Avalon. She must stay in the human world after her wings & gown is torn. Much to Ryang's delight—and frequent dismay—she now lives with him.

From the Realm of Man

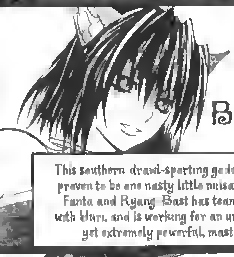


Ryang Jegal

Our hapless bandanna-wearing protagonist. He's harboring Fanta, a fetching faerie grounded on Earth. Due to a magical curse, Ryang must suffer through 108 doomed relationships. This guy's gonna have major girl troubles!

Mungyeong Seong

Ryang's buddy Boy is a sucker for pretty girls.

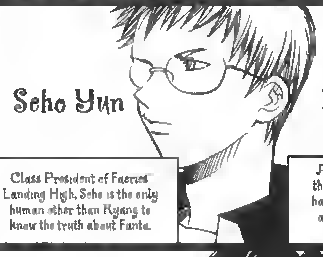


Bast

This southern drawl-sporting goddess has proven to be one nasty little nuisance for Fanta and Ryang. Bast has teamed up with Hun, and is working for an unknown yet extremely powerful, master.

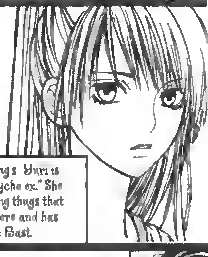
Goodfellow

An impish, Pan-like creature from Avalon who speaks in rhyme. Goodfellow introduced Ryang to Fanta.



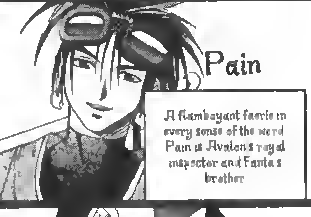
Seho Yun

Class President of Faeries' Landing High. Seho is the only human other than Ryang to know the truth about Fanta.



Yuri Kim

A former flame of Ryang's, Yuri is the very definition of "psycho ex." She has two Japanese-speaking thugs that accompany her everywhere and has now teamed up with Bast.

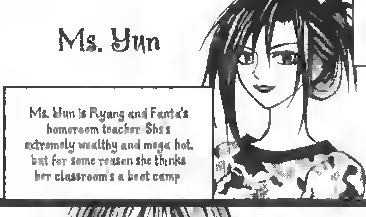


Pain

A flamboyant faerie in every sense of the word. Pain is Avalon's royal inspector and Fanta's brother.

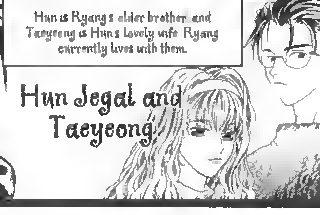
Charon

As the right hand man of the faerie King, he oversees all of the important administrative duties in Avalon. He's also Medea's older brother.



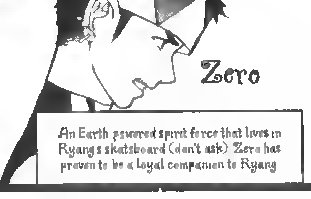
Ms. Yun

Ms. Yun is Ryang and Fanta's homeroom teacher. She's extremely wealthy and mega hot, but for some reason she thinks her classroom's a boot camp.



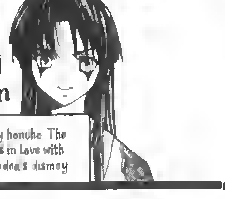
Hun Jegal and Taeyeong

Hun is Ryang's older brother and Taeyeong is Hun's lovely wife. Ryang currently lives with them.



Zero

An Earth-powered spirit force that lives in Ryang's skateboard (don't ask). Zero has proven to be a loyal companion to Ryang.



The King of Avalon

The head heavenly honcho. The King of Avalon is in love with Fanta, much to Medea's dismay.

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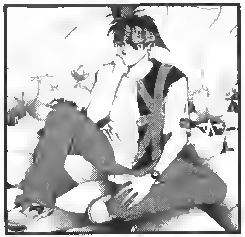
Through a bizarre twist of fate, this evil affinity lost her memory, which caused her to become a source of good fortune for Fanta and Ryang. Her real name is Meongyeong, though they don't know this. They just call her "the good luck charm."

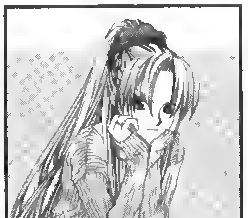
STORY SO FAR...



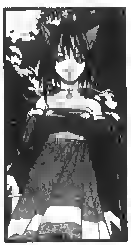
Meet Ryang, an average, everyday high school student. Ryang lives in Faeries' Landing a small suburban town in Korea.

One day Ryang met Fanta, a powerful (and pretty cute) faerie. Fanta wants nothing more than to experience human life, and since meeting Ryang she has—as his roommate.

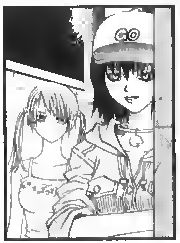
Ryang has a problem. After he accidentally confused a faerie scream with eye drops, he found himself cursed. Any girl he looks in the eye becomes a host for an "evil affinity." This is destined to happen 108 times in his life.



This is Medea, the faerie who put the curse on Ryang. After word of her outlaying got out, she was banished from Avalon and now hatches plots against Fanta from Earth.

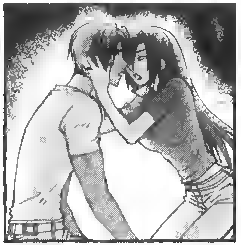


As if there weren't already enough faeries traipsing around Faeries' Landing, East, the Goddess of Cats, recently descended from Avalon.



She's teamed up with Medea and Hwa, a strange and sedative girl with an interest in Ryang and a nasty little mean streak...

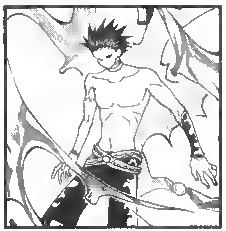
...to grow an evil force within one of Ryang's evil affinities capable of destroying Fanta and her allies.



She's succeeded in growing not one, but two powerful evil forces, both of whom are free and ready to wreak havoc on Fanta and her friends.

The first, Nyrckes, is a tree spirit. Calm and serene, Nyrckes can still throw down with the best of them. Fortunately, thanks to a close friendship she possesses with Gabiya, she's formed a tentative alliance with Fanta.

The second, Neptune, is the God of the Sea and also happens to be Nyrckes' adoptive brother. As a god, Neptune is extremely powerful and seems to be on no one's side but his own.



Arrogant to no end, Neptune wishes to overthrow no less than the King of Avalon and views Fanta, Ryang, Medea and East as little more than small break waves to be shredded.

However, he's made a severe error in judgment. If Neptune's going to get to Fanta, he'll have to get through three spirit forces first, including his own sister. It's a spirit sibling smackdown!

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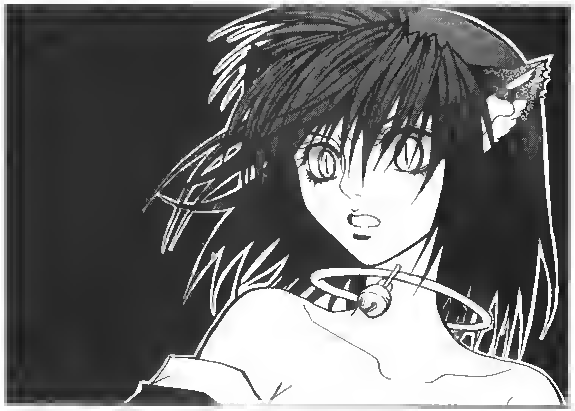
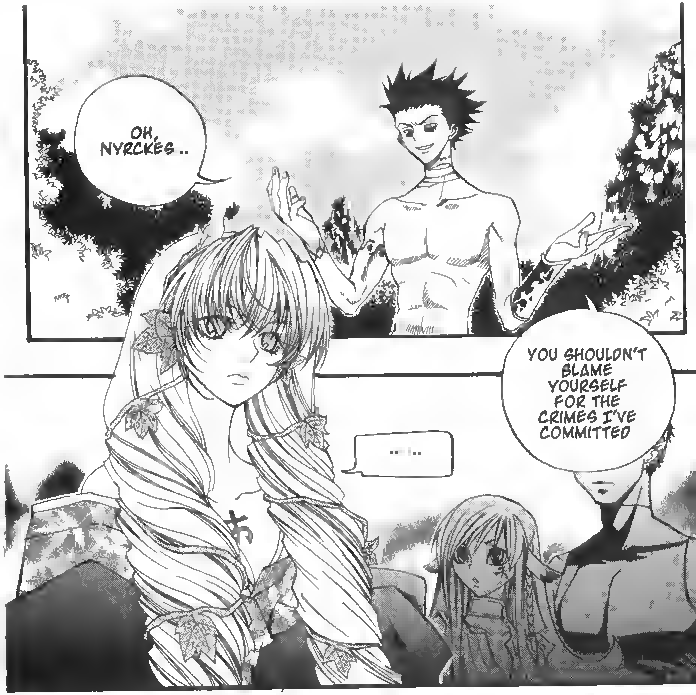
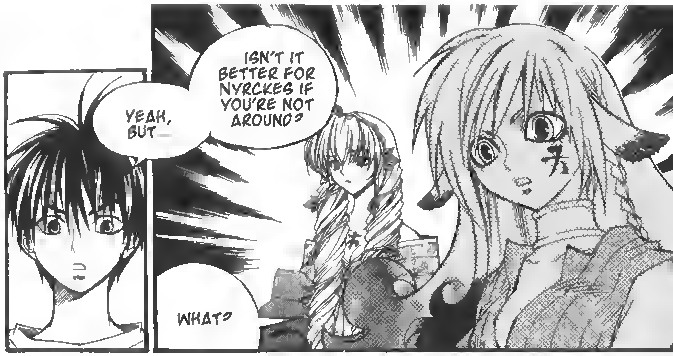
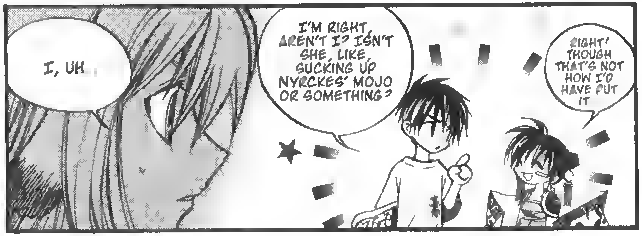


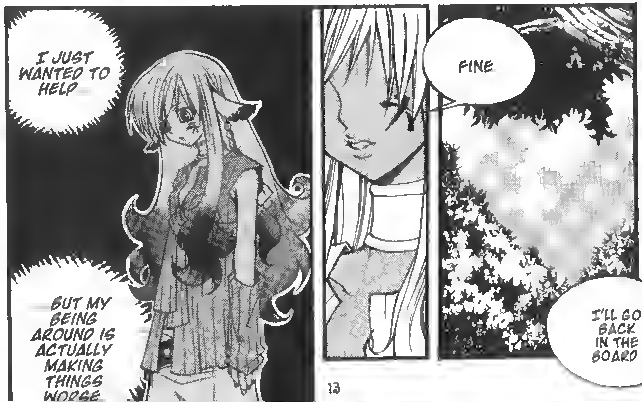


Episode
61
Naughty Little
Neptune

NO...
NO WAY THIS GUY GETS THE JUMP ON US A SECOND TIME I'M TAKING HIM OUT!
tap
?!
UH...
WOULD YOU MIND GOING BACK IN THE BOARD?
NO, I'M NOT GOING BACK IN THE BOARD! I HAVE TO FIGHT THAT GUY!


YEAH, BUT...
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR NYRCKES IF YOU'RE NOT AROUND?
WHAT?


I, UH...
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I? ISN'T SHE, LIKE, SUCKING UP NYRCKES' MOJO OR SOMETHING?
RIGHT! THOUGH THAT'S NOT HOW I'D HAVE PUT IT

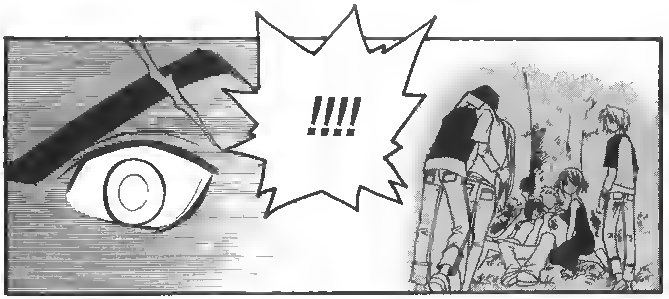

I JUST WANTED TO HELP...
BUT MY BEING AROUND IS ACTUALLY MAKING THINGS WORSE...
FINE
I'LL GO BACK IN THE BOARD

BUT PROMISE ME YOU'LL WATCH NYRCKES' BACK. I MEAN IT, RYANG.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT
DON'T FORGET, BUTTHEAD!
YEESH! TALK ABOUT UH...
YOW!! IT'S HOOOOOT!!
DAMN AFTERBURN
Ryang?
Oh Yesssss!!
MY BOARD HAS BEEN RESTORED!!! SAY YOUR PRAYERS, WATER BOY!

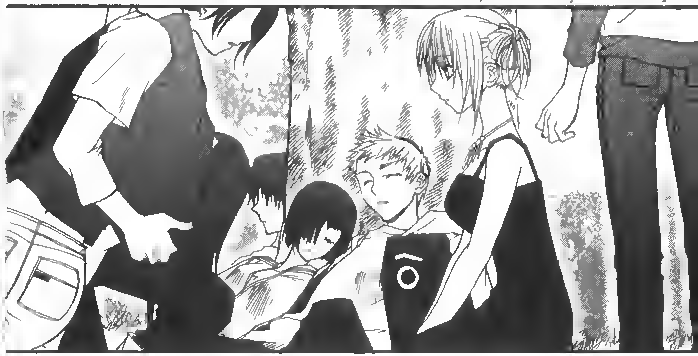
SURFERS RUN TOWARDS TIDAL WAVES!
YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SKATERS AND SURFERS?
I WON'T LET YOU HURT THESE PEOPLE, NEPTUNE.
WELL, THAT WAS CUTE, SISTE... I'M TEMPTED TO TELL YOU TO MAKE LIKE A TREE...
...BUT YOU KINDA ALREADY ARE.
HEH.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. YOU'RE WONDERING WHY YOU AREN'T ASSORBING MY POWER. WELL, KEEP WONDERING...
SHOOM!
...AND START PRAYING! YOU'RE OUTCLASSED, NYRCKES! GIVE UP!

GET OVER YOURSELF!
AND WILL YOU PUT ON A SHIRT?! THOSE PECS ARE GONNA PUT SOMEONE'S EYE OUT!
!!
I'LL BET HE HOGGED THE REMOTE WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP, DIDN'T HE?
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!
I'LL DROWN YOU IN A SEA OF--
HEADLOCK!
Apparently, our buddy Ryang is a wrestling fan
!!!!
YOU GODS AREN'T SO TOUGH! YOU'VE GOT EVERYONE HERE SHUDDERING AT THE MERE MENTION OF YOUR NAME. . .
...YET YOU GET CAUGHT IN A HEADLOCK?! COME ON! MY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD COUSIN DOESN'T EVEN FALL FOR THAT!
WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY?!
NICE, RYANG.
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND.
GoodFellow?! Where did he come from?
IT'S NOT VERY NICE TO ATTACK FROM BEHIND
Especially when you're our protégé!!
MAYBE NOT, BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE KICKING HIS BUTT!

YOU... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL KIND OF HORSE BONE YOU CRAWLED OUT OF...
...BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE A HUMAN
NO SHIT
He's just rambling now



Yeesh! They look like refugees or something



HUH!
NOOOO!!!
AAGH!
NOOOO!

Fanta

I've always loved petticoats! I saw a movie recently that had petticoats in it, and fell in love with them all over again. The lace is so pretty! They're a pain to draw, though...

After Fanta cut her hair, I thought hard about what style she should wear it in. Eventually, I decided to give her buns. I'm pleased with the results!

She has a lot of hair. Perhaps some of it is a wig?

Ornaments on her head

I really didn't like the winged gown I gave her in the beginning, so I decided to make some changes to it. Changing things up felt good, and I think the new gown is a big improvement. The colors on the dress are dark blue and purple. (Not that you can tell that in a black and white comic.)

I wonder if she ever trips over that skirt.

For shoes, I just added soles to traditional Korean shoes. Fanta's short. She needs the extra inches.

Episode 62

A Painful Bit of News

BLACK Ryang
YOU'RE NOT ME
WHITE Ryang
MY SOUL IS WHITE AS COTTON...
QUIT TALKING NONSENSE, YOU MORON!
I'D SAY I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, BUT CONSIDERING YOU'RE ME THAT MAKES NO FREAKIN SENSE
Confession Time
THE FIRST TIME I FELT LIKE KILLING SOMEONE I WAS 16
THAT WAS THE SUMMER I MET THAT LITTLE BITCH!
How cruel...
<At Friendly Explanation> Hwal Kim (18 years old) Virgo, Blood Type A Hobbies include cosplay gatherings and looking after animals. Her specialties are stalking and kidnapping
I MEAN IT WASN'T ALL BAD
THERE WERE THE TIMES WHEN WE... HEH HEH HEH
WHEN YOU WHAT? WHY'S IT ALL BLURRY? WHAT'D YOU TWO DO?
Wa! I there?

FORGET IT. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT EVEN IF SOME OF THE NIGHTS WERE FUN, THE DAYS WERE A NIGHTMARE. AND THAT COSPLAYING HOBBY OF HERS? THE LESS SAID ABOUT THAT, THE BETTER...
That cosplaying habit of hers.
I HATE THAT WITCH SO CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY I SCREAMED LIKE A LITTLE BABY
NOOOO!!
...THE SECOND I THOUGHT SHE WAS IN TROUBLE?
WELL...
...SEHO, SORIM AND MS. YUN WERE RIGHT NEXT TO HER.
They would've acted cool. And they're your friends. MY friends, whatever.
OH, COME ON!
THAT'S A NICE EXCUSE BUT IT'S BULLSHIT
WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE THAT YOU NOTICED?
.....

I MUST ADMIT
THE FIRST ONE I NOTICED WAS YURI.
AND WHY WAS THAT?
I'M NOT SURE. I DON'T LIKE HER, BUT WE DO HAVE A HISTORY TOGETHER
YOU'RE A WUSS
OH, STUFF IT!
C'MON! JUST ADMIT THAT YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR HER. YOU CAN'T LIE TO ME, YOU KNOW
I MAY NOT LIKE RUNNING INTO HER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I WANT HER DEAD. SHE DOESN'T DESERVE THAT.

NO.
NOT YURI. I'VE FALLEN HARD, BUT IT'S NOT FOR YURI.

하!
MAN, DID I SPACE OUT THERE OR WHAT? FOR A SECOND, MY LIFE TURNED INTO A BAD DAVID LYNCH MOVIE.
Just be glad it wasn't Blue Velvet, Mr. Bipolar.

!!!
STOP...

STOP IT, NEPTUNE
ALL THIS ANGER AND HATE... WHERE DOES IT COME FROM? I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL
GABIJA WAS OUR ENEMY AT FIRST YOU CAN JOIN HER IN THE BOARD
THEN PLEASE
Evil karma, I say goodbye!
Nyreckes purify!
NEPTUNE
THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM, FANTA SOMETHING'S OFF HERE
WHAT?
HNGH!
NYRCKES!
THAT'S NOT THE BOY I GREW UP WITH SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM
SOMETHING CHANGED HIM
PLEASE, FANTA, HE NEEDS YOUR HELP.
I'M SORRY I TRIED, BUT MY STRENGTH...
IT'S OKAY I'LL PURIFY YOU. YOU'LL NO LONGER BE AN EVIL FORCE AND WILL BE FREE TO ACT OF YOUR OWN ACCORD
IS THAT POSSIBLE?

SHE'S SAFE...
HUH?
WHY AM I RELIEVED? I'M SUPPOSED TO HATE HER, AREN'T I?
HELL YEAH, I AM! SHE FRIGHTENS ME!
IF SHE DIED, SHE'D PROBABLY STILL COME AFTER ME!
And as bad a th ngs are now, I th nk they'd be worse if I had a corpse following me around every where.
부르르

HUH?
AAAAH!!!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
YOUNG MASTER!
THAT WAS NYRCKES! SHE'S JOINED US!
HER POWER HAS NOW BEEN ADDED TO THE BOARD!
THAT MEANS

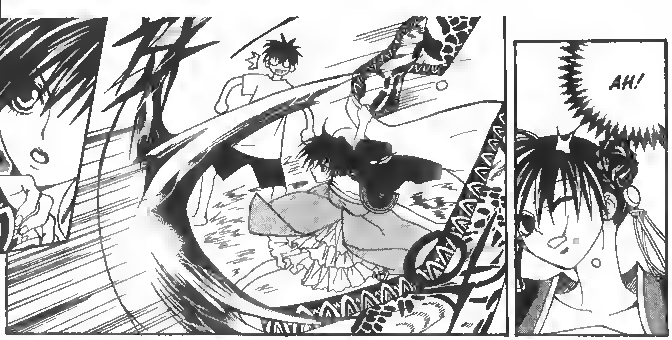
感激
. . THAT WE NOW HAVE RED, GREEN AND YELLOW! ONLY TWO COLORS SHORT OF THE FULL FORCE SPECTRUM AND TWO MEMBERS SHY OF SPIRIT SQUAD 5!" IT'S GONNA BE A PARTY IN THE BOARD, BABY!
I WAS HOPING HE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT...
YELLOW
RED
GREEN

*See Volume 5 for the skinny on the Spirit Squad —Ed

I DON'T THINK NEPTUNE WILL BE JOINING THE SQUAD ANY TIME SOON
WHAT?
HE'S TOO POWERFUL BESIDES SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT WITH HIM
NYRCKES SWEARS THAT HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF EVER SINCE HE WAS RELEASED
.....??
SHE SAYS HE'S ACTING LIKE ANOTHER PERSON ENTIRELY

OH... OH GOD!!
THEY'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU, BROTHER YOU'RE BEING USED
WE MUST FIND THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND EXECUTE HIM AT ONCE
THAT WON'T BE SO SIMPLE
THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE MAY NOT BE THE ONE PULLING THE STRINGS
NEPTUNE, IT'S ALL RIGHT I'M OKAY
SO PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!

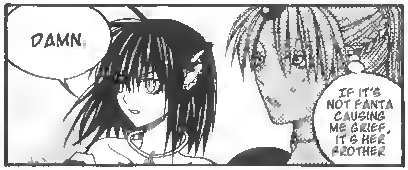
AA AAA RAA GH!!
?!
AAAAAAH!!!
SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG WITH HIM!
You're just now realizing that?
WE NEED TO PUT HIM DOWN! OTHERWISE, HE'S GOING TO KILL SOMEONE!
YOU READY, YOUNG MASTER?
HUH?
I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE BESIDES, YOU'RE SO ADORABLE WHEN YOU BEAT PEOPLE UP! ♡
SHE
SHE SAID I'M ADORABLE!


AH!

BUT THIS IS SEA WATER!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
DON'T YAH SEE?! WE'VE BEEN DECLAWED! NYCKEE HAS BEEN PURIFIED AND NEPTUNE'S COMPLETELY INSANE!
AH'M GETTING THE HELL OUTTA HERE! YAH MIGHT THINK ABOUT DOIN' THE SAME!

THEIR ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON NEPTUNE IF WE ASCEND TA AVALON NOW, THEY WON'T EVEN NOTICE!
SHOOM
AH!
GOING SOMEWHERE, BAST?


DAMN.
IF IT'S NOT FANTA CAUSING ME GRIEF, IT'S HER BROTHER

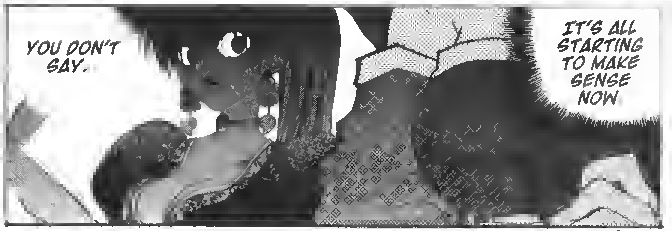
MEDEA! BEEN AWHILE, HASN'T IT?

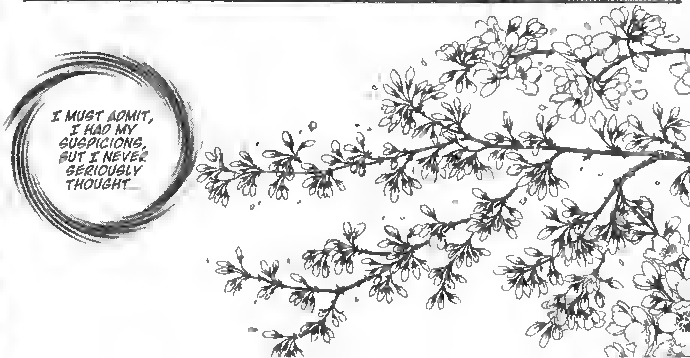
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT HAPPY TO SEE ME?
OF-OF COURSE I AM! IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH PAIN!

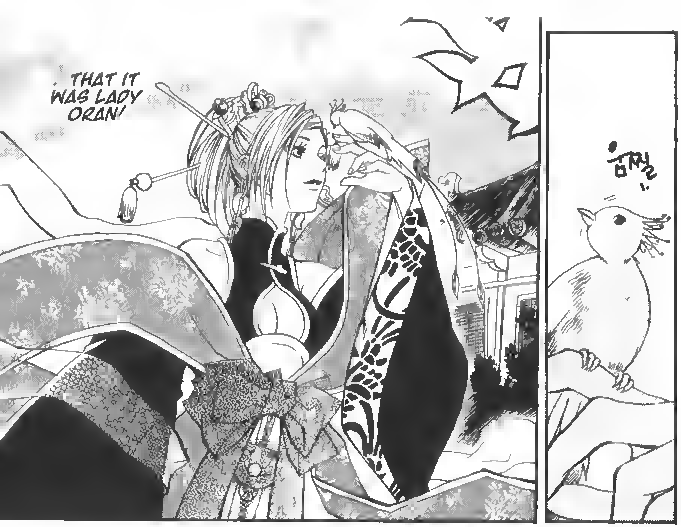
YEAH, NEVER HEARD THAT BEFORE
?!!
LOOK, I'LL GET TO THE POINT WE KNOW WHO YOUR MASTER IS, BAST
NOT A SINGLE SPELL IS CAST IN AVALON OR ON EARTH WITHOUT MY SENSING IT I HAVE THE ABILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND SPELL WAVELENGTHS
THAT MEANS I KNOW NOT ONLY WHAT SPELL IS BEING CAST, BUT WHO'S CASTING IT ROYAL INSPECTORS LEARN HOW TO DO THIS THEIR FIRST YEAR AT THE ACADEMY
BY THE TIME THEY GRADUATE, THEY'RE DOING IT IN THEIR SLEEP FOR YOU TO NOT TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT IS EITHER AN ACT OF GREAT ARROGANCE OR STUPIDITY. IN YOUR CASE, IT'S PROBABLY STUPIDITY.
AND THE SCROLL YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET? THE ONE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO CREATE ARMIES OF EVIL FORCES? I HAVE THAT, TOO.
AH! BUT HOW DID YAH--?!
I ALSO HAVE EVIDENCE THAT YOU'VE BEEN HARVESTING SPIRIT SEEDS. THOSE ARE ILLEGAL. AS YOU KNOW, GROWING THEM CARRIES A STEEP SENTENCE. 500 YEARS, LAST I HEARD
B-BUT... MAH MASTUH... HOW...?
HOW? I'M A ROYAL INSPECTOR, YOU STUPID CAT. DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD KEEP THIS FROM ME?!
BUT YOUR MASTER ISN'T STUPID. THIS I KNOW.
YOU SEE, I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH WHAT YOUR MASTER IS CAPABLE OF. I KNOW HOW MANIPULATIVE SHE CAN BE...
...AND HOW DANGEROUS.

YOU SEE, BAST, I KNOW YOUR MASTER VERY WELL
SHE'S MY MOTHER.

N-NO! THAT C-CAN'T BE!


YOU DON'T SAY.
IT'S ALL STARTING TO MAKE SENSE NOW.


I MUST ADMIT, I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT I NEVER SERIOUSLY THOUGHT...


THAT IT WAS LADY ORAN!
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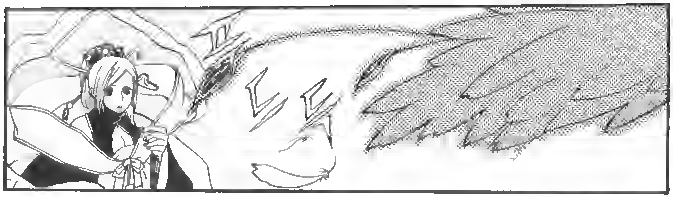
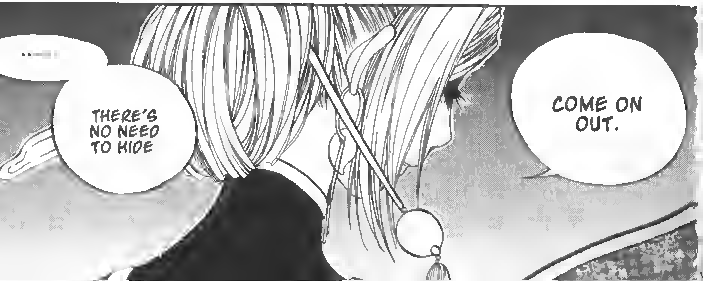
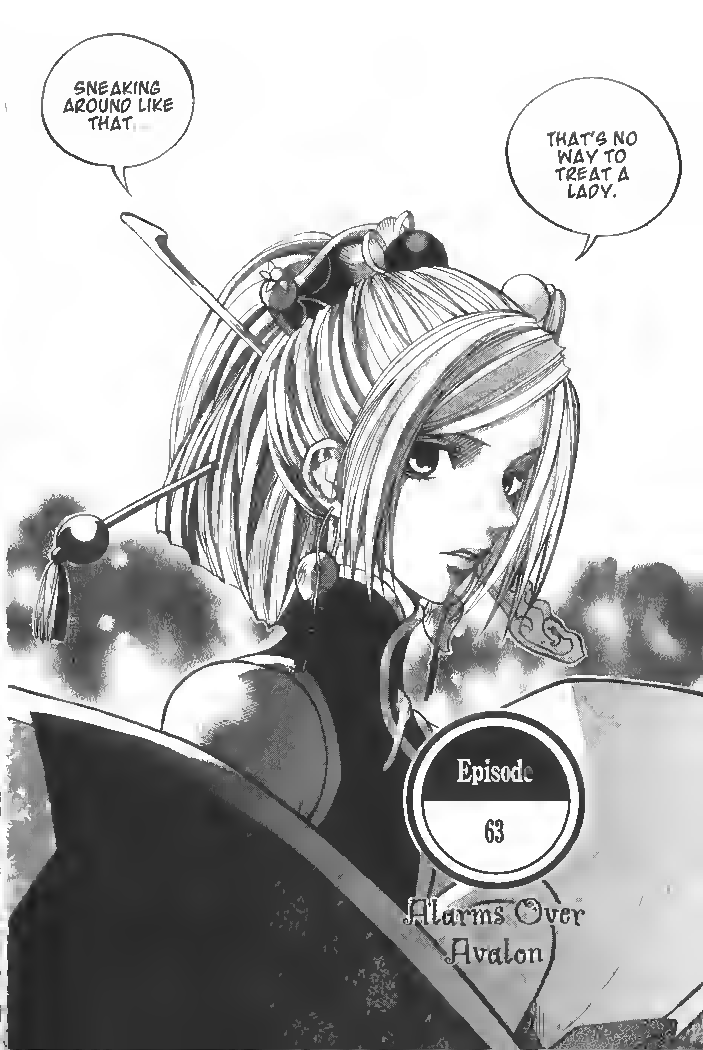



...
THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE
COME ON OUT.


SNEAKING AROUND LIKE THAT...
THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY.
Episode
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Alarms Over Avalon

LADY? I THOUGHT YOU DROPPED YOUR TITLE..
...WHEN YOU CHANGED YOUR NAME, OREADIA OR ARE YOU ONCE AGAIN CALLING YOURSELF LADY ORAN?
EITHER WAY, YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE I'M TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE COURTS
ACCOMPANY ME?
AND THESE MEN OF YOURS? ARE THEY HERE TO ACCOMPANY ME, TOO?
OH, CHARÓN...
YOU ALWAYS HAD A WAY WITH WORDS

OF COURSE, I PREFER MEN OF ACTION.
WATCH YOURSELVES, MEN!
SHE'S DANGEROUS! BARRIER SPELLS WON'T PROTECT YOU!
NGH! GAH! AAAAH!
DAMN!
WHY DON'T SOLDIERS EVER LISTEN?!
IS...IS IT OVER?
WHOOSH!

DAMMIT! SHE'S ALL OVER US! TRY TO LIMIT HER MOVEMENT WHILE I CALL IN THE BLOODY CALVARY!
YES, SIR!
Immortal phoenix of truth and light...

...hear my call and join our fight!
OH, CHARON...
Always with him even now...
PROTECT THE PRIME MINISTER!
WATCH HER! SHE'S FAST!

SO GRACEFUL.
OREADIA'S WALTZ WAS ALWAYS FIRST CLASS.

...IT'S OBVIOUS SHE'S NO LONGER CONCERNED ABOUT STEPPING ON TOES.

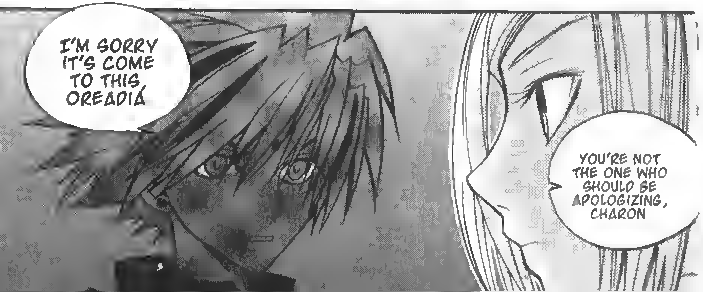
THAT SAID ..

SHE'S BREAKING THROUGH!
SHIT! PRIME MINISTER! WE CAN'T HOLD HER OFF ANY LONGER!
IT'S OKAY, MEN. I'M READY.

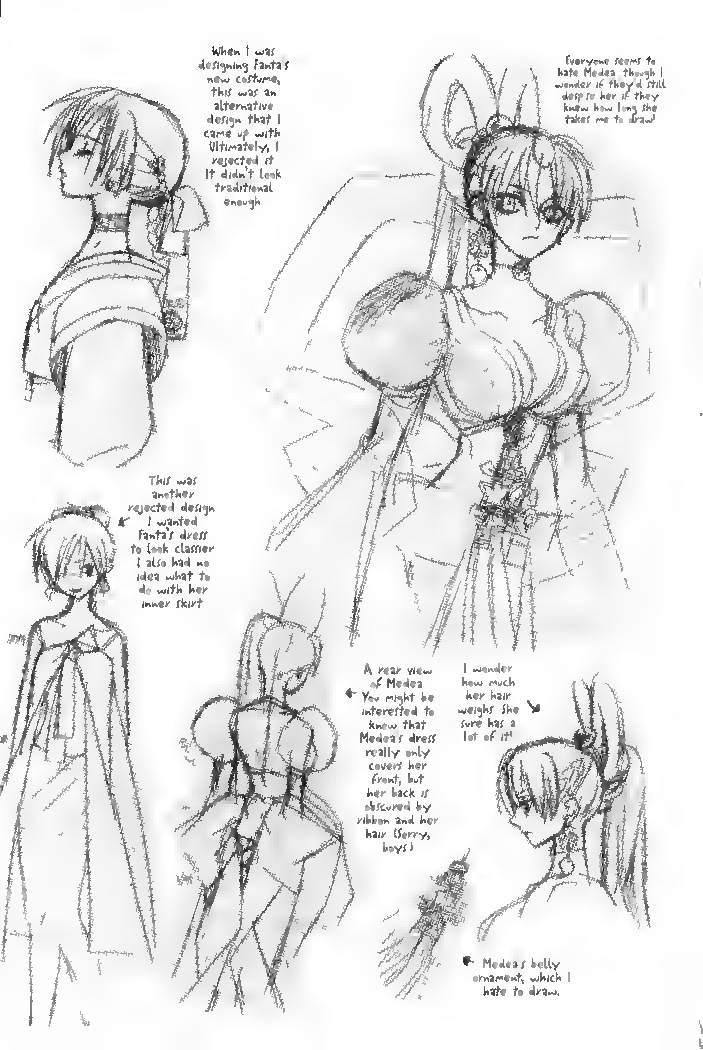
Destroyer of souls, devourer of dreams...
...fill the air with Orgadia's screams!
AAAIIIEEE!!
AAH... UNGH...
NICE ONE!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT HER, CHARON NICE WORK, GENTLEMEN OF COURSE...
I WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED SEEING HER SWEAT A BIT MORE
ESCORT HER
YES, SIR!

CRRRRCK! CRRRAK!
WHAT?! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
SHOOM!
Hmph


I'M SORRY IT'S COME TO THIS OREADIA
YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING, CHARON

SHE'S ESCAPING!
WE NEED A NEW LOCKOUT FIELD! NOW!!
HEH HEH
SOUND BIG BROTHER.
YOUR HIGHNESS!!!
!!!!
IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?! YOU BROKE MY SPELL!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
HIGH-NESS!
BLOODY FOOL
NOW WHERE HAVE YOU RUN OFF TO, ORAN?
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE...
YES..
I DO BELIEVE THAT MOMMY DEAREST HAS RUN OFF TO FIND HER CHILDREN

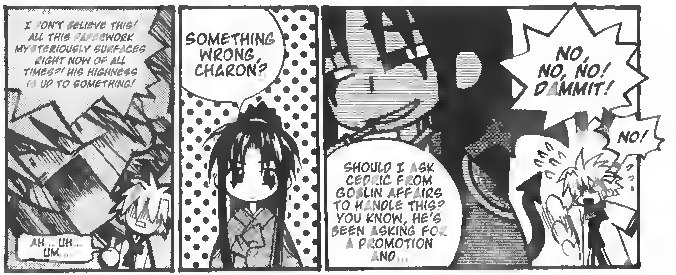

When I was designing Fanta's new costume, this was an alternative design that I came up with. Ultimately, I rejected it. It didn't look traditional enough.
Everyone seems to hate Medea, though I wonder if they'd still despise her if they knew how long she takes me to draw!
This was another rejected design. I wanted Fanta's dress to look classier. I also had no idea what to do with her inner skirt.
A rear view of Medea. You might be interested to know that Medea's dress really only covers her front, but her back is obscured by ribbon and her hair. (Sorry, boys!)
I wonder how much her hair weighs. She sure has a lot of it!
Medea's belly ornament, which I hate to draw.

Episode
64
A Royal Scandal
SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKYA!

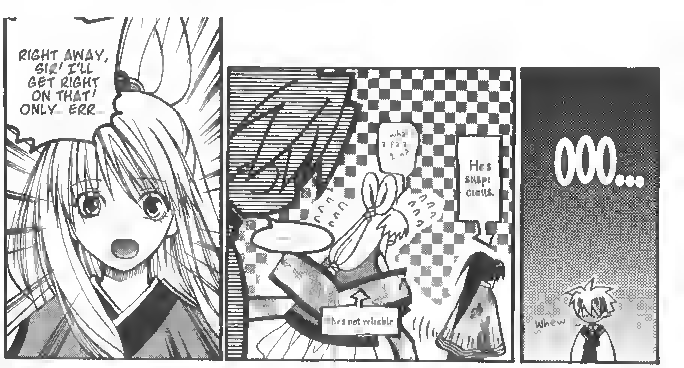
WHAT THE--?
NOW, THAT'S JUST RUDE!
!!
THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KILL ME HAVING A LITTLE AFTERNOON CHAT? THAT CAN'T BE GOOD
OY! STAND SHARD, GIRL! DADDY'S NOT DONE WITH YOU!
EH?
!!
YOUNG MASTER!
Wow!
SHORTY, ALL THIG BLEEDING I'VE BEEN DOING IS MAKING ME HUNGRY. GO GET ME A BURRITO OR SOMETHING
WHAT-EVER, RYANG
Some knight in shining armor...

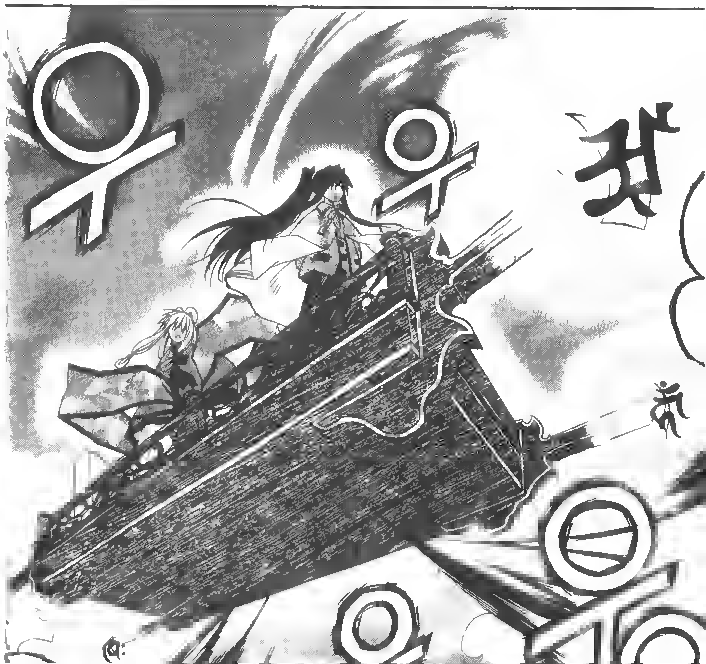
WHY?! THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW! WHY?!
WHY DID YOU INTERFERE WITH OREADIA'S ARREST?!
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW HOW DANGEROUS SHE IS!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, HIGHNESS?!
I WILL NOT LET YOU TURN THIS KINGDOM ON ITS HEAD
I'M GOING FOR A WALK. I SUGGEST YOU REMEMBER YOUR PLACE, COUNCILOR
HUH?!

A WALK?! WHERE TO?!
I'M NOT SURE...
Where should I go?
I'M GOING WITH YOU
I FIGURED AS MUCH
Duly well...
CHARON, I, UH...
REALLY NEED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THIS PAPERWORK THAT'S PILED UP QUITE A FEW OF THESE SEEM TO BE URGENT
Is that a bill for a gym membership? I don't remember joining a gym
GASP!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!


I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! ALL THIS PAPERWORK MYSTERIOUSLY SURFACES RIGHT NOW OF ALL TIMES?! HIS HIGHNESS IS UP TO SOMETHING!
AH... UH... UM...
SOMETHING WRONG, CHARON?
NO, NO, NO! DAMMIT!
NO!
SHOULD I ASK CEDRIC FROM GOBLIN AFFAIRS TO HANDLE THIS? YOU KNOW, HE'S BEEN ASKING FOR A PROMOTION AND...

HOWEVER...
I WILL HAVE ONE OF OUR RECENT GRADUATES ACCOMPANY YOU
I AM CALLED THEA, YOUR MAJESTY
LITTLE THEA? YOU'RE ALREADY A GRADUATE?! WELL, GET THAT NEWLY LEGAL TAIL OF YOURS OVER HERE!
I... I AM AME-STACKEN, SIRE
WELL, DON'T BE SO GODDAMN GOOGLY-EYED THAT YOU FORGET YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING HIM
WATCHING GOT IT!
HERE, TAKE THIS.
?
THIS IS...
WHAT ARE YOU YAMMERING ABOUT?
GET THE PALANQUIN READY


RIGHT AWAY, SIR! I'LL GET RIGHT ON THAT! ONLY... ERR...
He's smart, clever...
He's not reliable...
OOO...
Whew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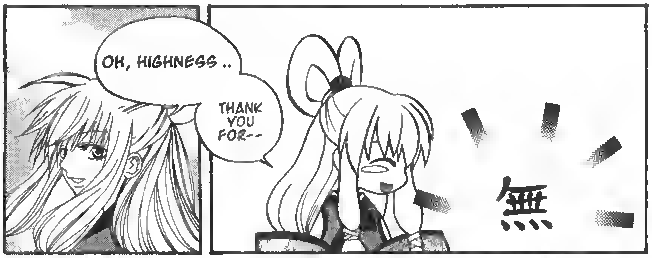
SO, UH ..
..WHERE ARE WE GOING?
NOWHERE SPECIFIC. I JUST NEEDED TO GET OUT OF THE PALACE FOR A BIT. YOU KNOW, FOR BEING THE BIGGEST HOME IN AVALON...
.. THE PLACE SURE IS STUFFY
MAYBE WE'LL HEAD OVER TO THE GWIMUN MOUNTAINS
HUH?!
IT'S THE DEATHWRAITH MATING SEASON, YOU KNOW
KAAAH!
KIDDING! YOU THINK I'D TAKE US OVER THERE? THAT WOULD END MY REIGN REAL QUICK! YOU TAKE THINGS FAR TOO SERIOUSLY, THEA.
ha ha ha!
THIS IS GOING TO BE A ONE LONG ROAD TRIP.
HOLY CANNOLI!
LOOK AT THAT VIEW!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!



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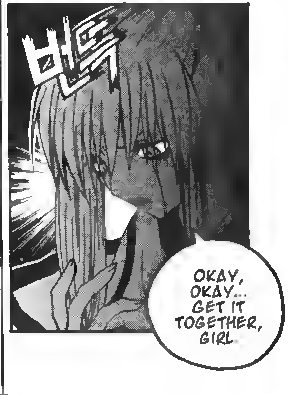
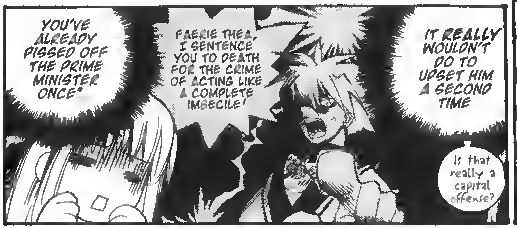
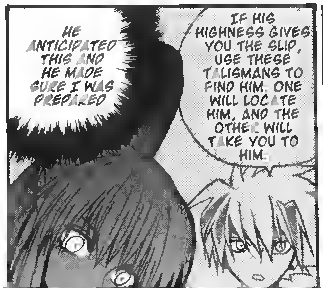
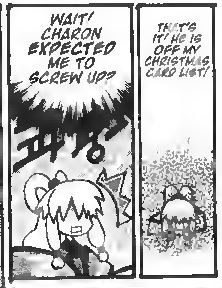



YOU'VE ALREADY PISSED OFF THE PRIME MINISTER ONCE*
FAERIE THEA, I SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH FOR THE CRIME OF ACTING LIKE A COMPLETE IMBECILE!
IT REALLY WOULDN'T DO TO UPSET HIM A SECOND TIME
Is that really a capital offense?
WAIT A SECOND! CHARON GAVE ME THOSE THINGIES!

*All the way back in Faeries Landing Vol 1 —Ed.

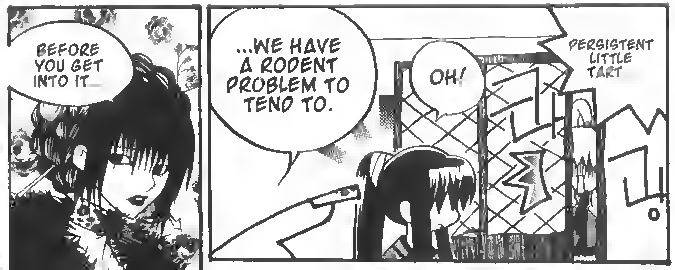

HE ANTICIPATED THIS AND HE MADE SURE I WAS PREPARED
IF HIS HIGHNESS GIVES YOU THE SLIP, USE THESE TALISMANS TO FIND HIM. ONE WILL LOCATE HIM, AND THE OTHER WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM.

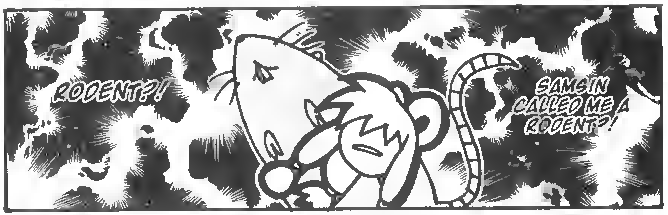


NOW, LET'S FIND US A FAERIE KING!
OK
AH...
HE'S OVER THERE!
BUT THAT'S HE CAN'T BE THERE!

HMM...
GUESTS? AT THIS HOUR? ONLY ONE PERSON I KNOW WOULD HAVE THE NERVE
HEY, GRANNY! IT'S ME!
HOW 'BOUT YOU BAKE ME SOME COOKIES?

POW!!
Ever heavy reference tool
I'D HAVE THOUGHT BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF AVALON WOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOU HUMILITY
AND I'D HAVE THOUGHT LIVING OVER 5,000 YEARS WOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOU RESPECT.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME.
IF CHARON KNEW YOU WERE HERE, HE'D HAVE A FIT.
OH GOD! THAT'S LADY SAMSIN! I-I'VE HEARD OF HER, OF COURSE, BUT TO ACTUALLY SEE HER!
Whew!
LADY SAMIN HANDLES ALL THE BIRTHS IN AVALON AND ON EARTH. SHE'S THE OLDEST OF ALL GODS, AND SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!

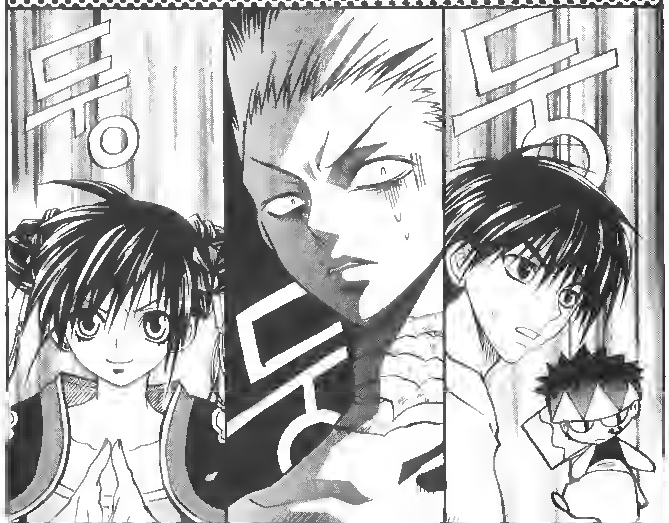




OH MAN, THAT'S HARSH...

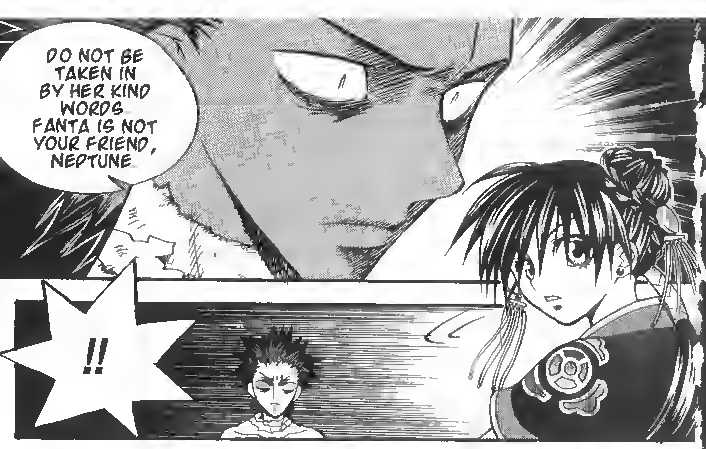
Ouch.

Meanwhile, back in the Wizard's Realm...



AGH...
WH-WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO ME?
JUST A LITTLE SPELL I COOKED UP AFTER SEEING DOJIN'S APARTMENT
IT BASICALLY CONFINES YOU TO A VERY SMALL SPACE WHILE SUCKING UP ALL YOUR POWER
NOW TELL ME, NEPTUNE
TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON
YOU'RE NOT DOING ALL OF THIS FOR YOURSELF ARE YOU?
THE REASON YOU ATTACKED HIS HIGHNESS

..WAS TO AVENGE NYRCKES WASN'T IT?
YES. OH GOD...
I...


DO NOT BE TAKEN IN BY HER KIND WORDS FANTA IS NOT YOUR FRIEND, NEPTUNE
!!

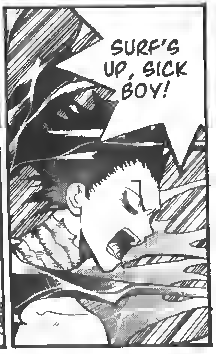
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE THERE'S NO GOING BACK
YOU MAY AS WELL SEE YOUR PLAN OUT HAVE YOUR REVENGE WHAT ELSE IS THERE FOR YOU TO DO?
HERE SHE IS RIGHT ON TIME AS ALWAYS

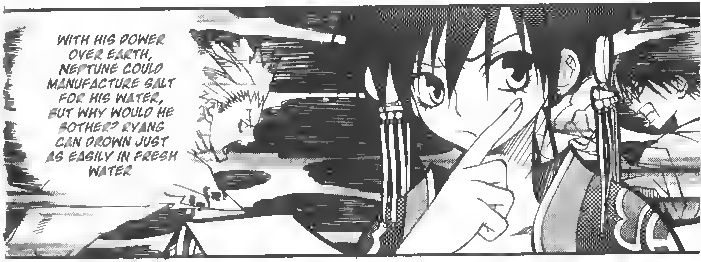
HAVE A FAERIE MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Episode
65
Beach Blanket Battlefield
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

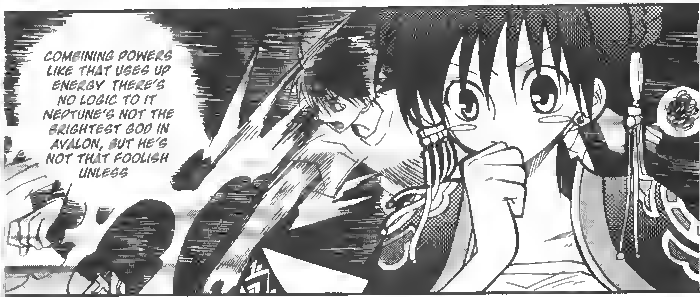
C'MON, C'MON! WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SMALL TALK? LET'S FINISH POUNDING THIS ASSHOLE AND GET OUT OF HERE!
IT'S NOT SO SIMPLE, YOUNG MASTER
If ya go ahead and hit him a few more times, I don't mind
YOU HAVE A VERY DIRTY MOUTH
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE WASH IT OUT?

HMM SALT WATER?

I SAY KISS MY CORNHOLE, CHUM-CHEWER! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!


SURF'S UP, SICK BOY!


WITH HIS POWER OVER EARTH, NEPTUNE COULD MANUFACTURE SALT FOR HIS WATER, BUT WHY WOULD HE BOTHER? KYANG CAN DROWN JUST AS EASILY IN FRESH WATER


COMBINING POWERS LIKE THAT USES UP ENERGY THERE'S NO LOGIC TO IT NEPTUNE'S NOT THE BRIGHTEST GOD IN AVALON, BUT HE'S NOT THAT FOOLISH UNLESS

AH HAH!
I've got it!
SMACK!
GREAT, I'M GLAD YOU'VE GOT IT! YOU KNOW WHAT I WISH I GOT? I WISH I GOT A DAMN HAND FROM MY SO-CALLED FAERIE FRIEND EVERY NOW AND THEN! THAT'S WHAT!

...WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE!
HGGK!

OKAY! OKAY, YOUNG MASTER! EVERYTHING IS OKAY NOW!
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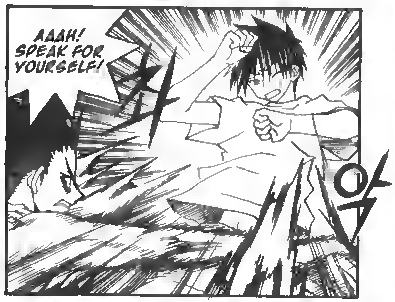
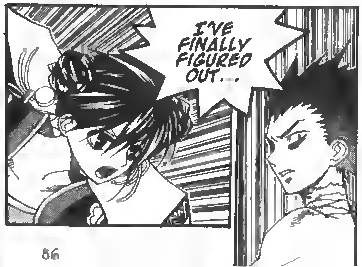
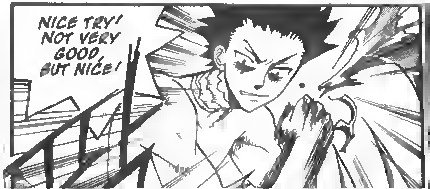

AAAH! SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!


I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT...


NICE TRY! NOT VERY GOOD, BUT NICE!

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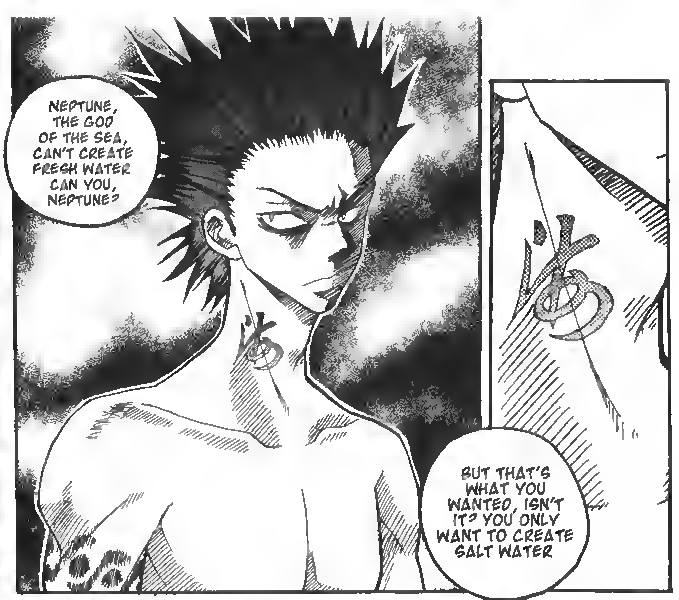
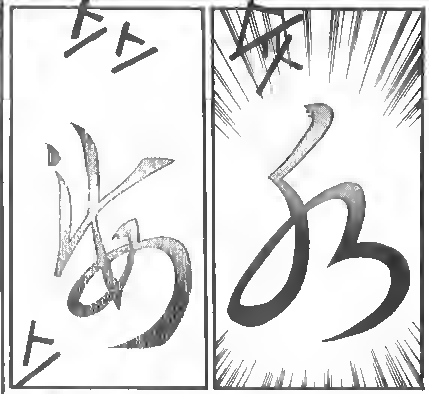

NEPTUNE, THE GOD OF THE SEA, CAN'T CREATE FRESH WATER CAN YOU, NEPTUNE?
BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED, ISN'T IT? YOU ONLY WANT TO CREATE SALT WATER

MARK ON NECK sea

WATER, AS AN ELEMENT, IS FRESH
SALT WATER ISN'T TECHNICALLY AN ELEMENT
WHICH IS WHAT ALLOWS HIM TO CIRCUMVENT OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES

HE TOOK HIMSELF OFF YOUR GRID, IN OTHER WORDS
YES! WE THOUGHT HE FOUND A WAY TO DISRUPT THE BALANCE
BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT HE WASN'T ON THE SCALE TO BEGIN WITH!
OH, ENOUGH! IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING! YOU STILL CAN'T DEFEAT ME!
DUDE, YOU'VE REALLY GOTTA START WATCHING YOUR BACK!
SNATCH!
!!
ALL RIGHT, YOUNG MASTER!
!!
?!
AAH! NO!!
OH YES...



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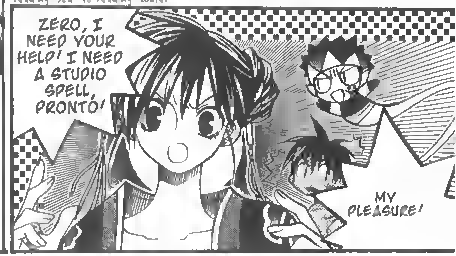

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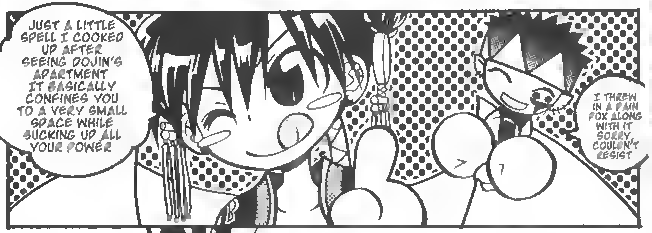
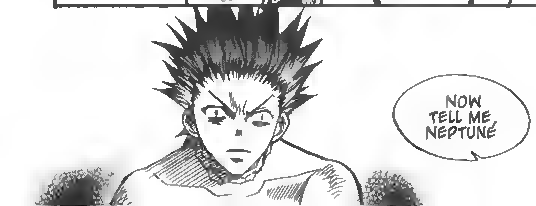
AA
GH!

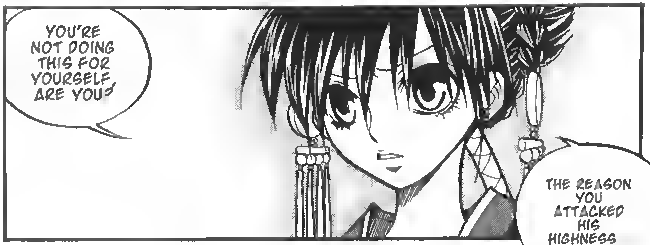
OH, SORRY! ZERO ALWAYS MAKES 'EM TIGHT!
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
You almost killed me!

WH-WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO ME?

TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON
WHO'S THE PUPPETEER PLAYING WITH YOUR STRINGS?
WHAT ARE YOU PRATTLING ON ABOUT NOW?


JUST A LITTLE SPELL I COOKED UP AFTER SEEING DOJIN'S APARTMENT IT BASICALLY CONFINES YOU TO A VERY SMALL SPACE WHILE SUCKING UP ALL YOUR POWER
I THREW IN A FAIR FOX ALONG WITH IT SORRY, COULDN'T RESIST


NOW TELL ME, NEPTUNE


YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS FOR YOURSELF, ARE YOU?
THE REASON YOU ATTACKED HIS HIGHNESS

WAS TO AVENGE NYRCKES
WASN'T IT NEPTUNE?
!!
YES. OH GOD
I...

I WAS A COMPLETE WRECK OVER THE THOUGHT OF LOSING NYRCKES.
MY SISTER ASKED ME NOT TO DO ANYTHING DUMB
...BUT AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE SCROLL OF DIVINATION--A SCROLL THAT CAN REVIVE SPIRIT FORCES... WELL, WITHOUT REALLY EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT, I JUST...

I... I...
CRACKING LIKE AN EGGSHELL!
NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CAST THE PURIFICATION SPELL AND THIS BRAT'S IN THE BAG!
Bad Fanta
I KNOW, NEPTUNE. I KNOW YOU MEANT WELL. I CAN HELP YOU, IF YOU'LL LET ME.
DO NOT BE TAKEN IN BY HER KIND WORDS. FANTA IS NOT YOUR FRIEND, NEPTUNE
NOT THAT I GIVE A TOAD'S ASS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM
I'VE SEEN MAGIC USED OFTEN, BUT THIS USE GETS THE GLORY! A SPELL THAT MAKES TOUGH GUYS TELL US A SOB STORY!
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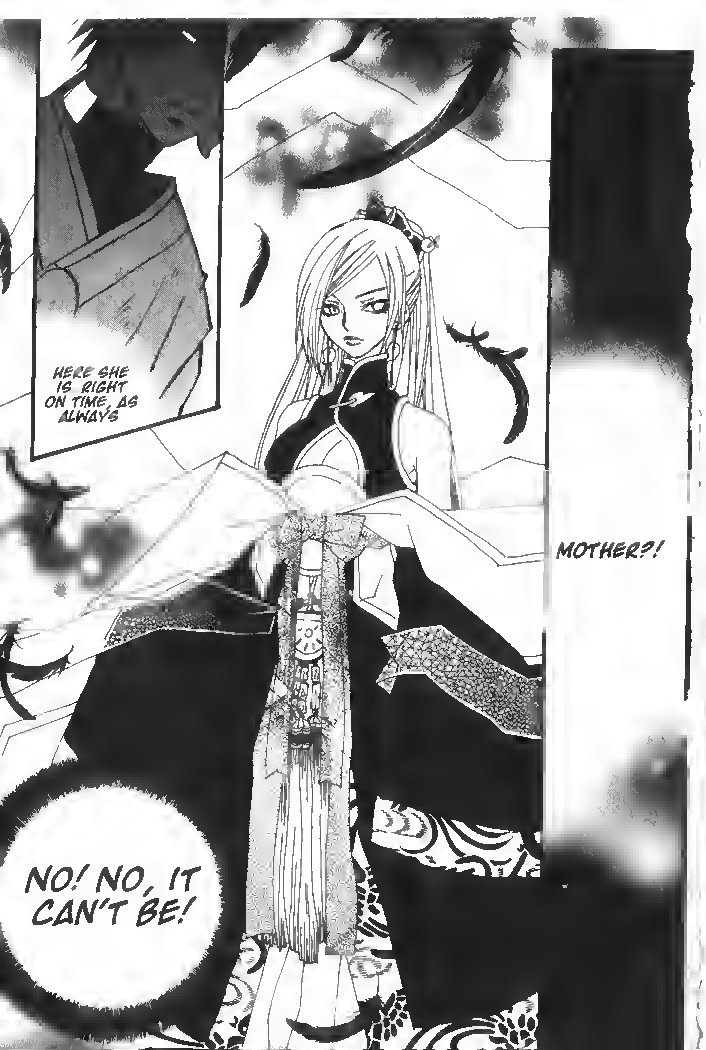
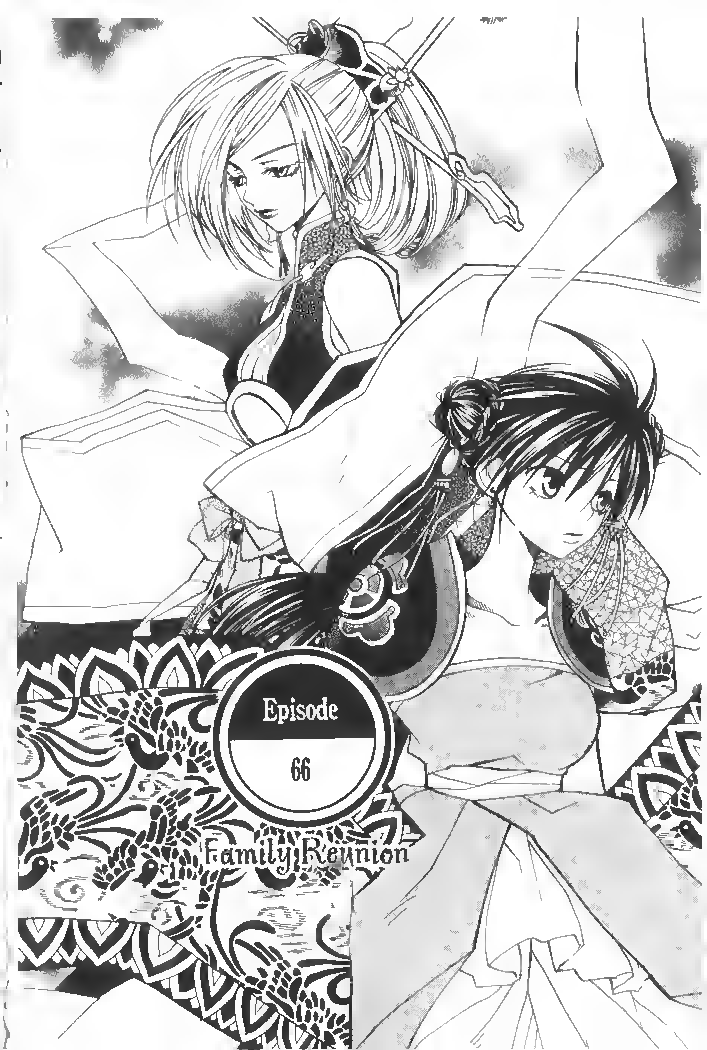
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE THERE'S NO GOING BACK
YOU MAY AS WELL SEE YOUR PLAN OUT. HAVE YOUR REVENGE WHAT ELSE IS THERE FOR YOU TO DO?
I RECOGNIZE THAT VOICE! OH GOD!!


HERE SHE IS RIGHT ON TIME, AS ALWAYS
MOTHER?!
NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE!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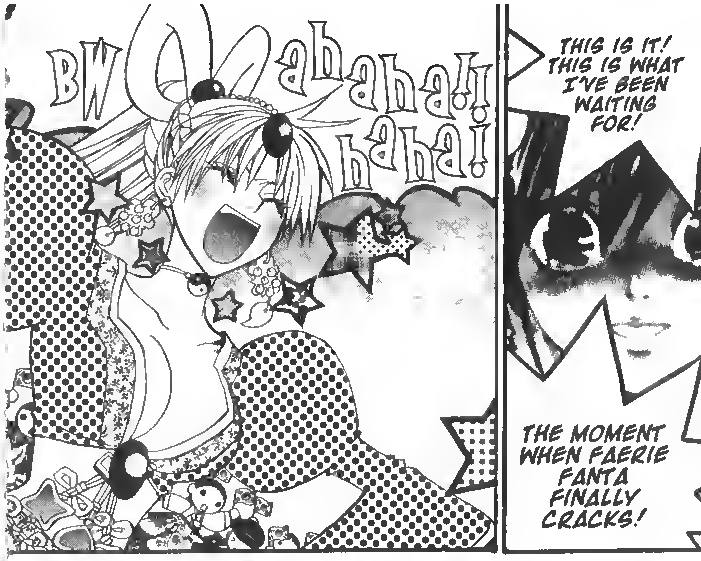
Family Reunion

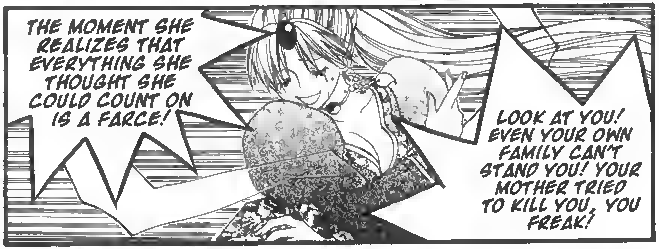
I DON'T
MOTHER?!
YAH HAD MEH WORRIED! AH THOUGHT YAH HAD ABANDONED MEH!
I'M SORRY, BAST.
MAGTUH
WAAAH!
YOU'RE S-YING THAT HOT LITTLE MAMA...
IS ACTUALLY FANTA'S MAMA?!
FOR A MOTHER-IN-LAW, I COULD DO A LOT WORSE!
I'VE GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, CREADIA
I KNEW YOU WERE A CONTROL FREAK, BUT THIS? THIS TAKES IT TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL
I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY AS WELL, MEDEA.
MAG-TUH!

KOICHI! TSUYOSHI!
I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO
YOU SAID THIS TALISMAN WILL TAKE US BACK TO THE REAL WORLD?
HUH? YA'LL ARE LEAVING?
YES YOUR FAMILY IS MORE MESSED UP THAN MY OWN
AND THAT'S REALLY SAYING SOMETHING
IF YOU'RE LEAVING, WILL YAM TAKE THESE GUYS WITH YAM?
NO
HEY!
FANTA..

CAN YOU REALLY SAY YOU'RE SURPRISED?
I DROPPED MORE THAN ENOUGH HINTS
..FOR YOU TO HAVE GUESSED THAT I WAS THE ONE PULLING THEIR STRINGS.
BUT YOU'RE MY MOTHER WHY WOULD I..?
YOU WOULDN'T
I DID, FANTA

BUT.
BUT I'M YOUR DAUGHTER
I NEVER WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT YOU
THIS IS ALL A JOKE.
RIGHT?
TELL ME THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH.


BWahahaha!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
THE MOMENT WHEN FAERIE FANTA FINALLY CRACKS!


THE MOMENT SHE REALIZES THAT EVERYTHING SHE THOUGHT SHE COULD COUNT ON IS A FARCE!
LOOK AT YOU! EVEN YOUR OWN FAMILY CAN'T STAND YOU! YOUR MOTHER TRIED TO KILL YOU, YOU FREAK!

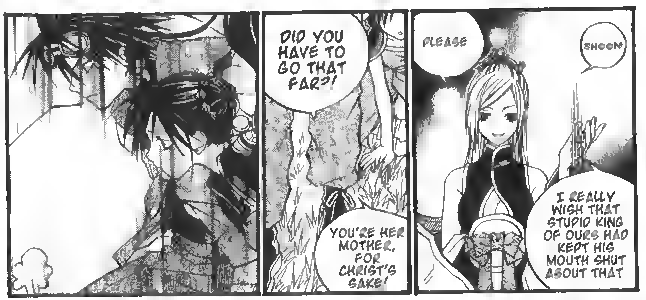
I'VE BEEN LIVING FOR THIS VERY MOMENT. NOW THAT I'VE EXPERIENCED IT, MY LIFE IS COMPLETE. I COULD DIE TODAY, HAPPY AND SATISFIED
THEN DIE!

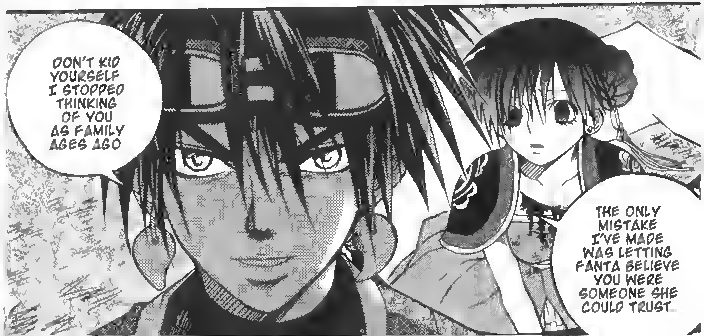
WHAT'S THAT?
Medea
FLASH!
MOTHER
PLEASE... TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE.
KABOOOOM!!!
PLEASE?
LISTENING HAS NEVER BEEN YOUR STRONG POINT

FINE...
...I SUPPOSE YOU'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE. YOU NEED TO KNOW I'M SERIOUS.

MOM?
!!!
THAT'S QUITE A DRESS YOU'RE WEARING, FANTA
THAT SPELL WAS SUPPOSED TO TURN YOUR SKIN INSIDE OUT, AND IT BARELY NICKED YOU
BLASTED CHILD! I SHOULD'VE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO!

DAMMIT, OREADIA!
KABLAM!!

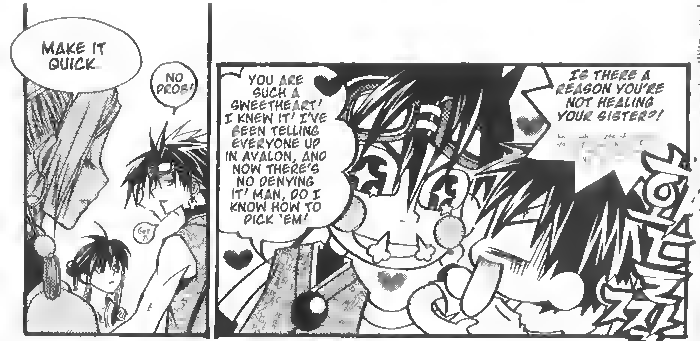

DID YOU HAVE TO GO THAT FAR?!
YOU'RE HER MOTHER, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!
PLEASE
SHOOM
I REALLY WISH THAT STUPID KING OF OURS HAD KEPT HIS MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THAT


DON'T KID YOURSELF I STOPPED THINKING OF YOU AS FAMILY AGES AGO
THE ONLY MISTAKE I'VE MADE WAS LETTING FANTA BELIEVE YOU WERE SOMEONE SHE COULD TRUST

CLEVER BOY.
COME ON, BAST WE'RE GOING
HUH?
AND RIGHT NOW, FANTA NEEDS ALL THE FRIENDS SHE CAN GET
FANTA...
I'M TIRED I NEED A NAP I GET CRANKY WHEN I DON'T GET MY NAP
BUT WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH NEPTUNE?
WELL...
HE SEEMED TO BE HAVING SOME SORT OF MOMENT WITH FANTA WHEN I SHOWED UP MAY AS WELL LET HIM FINISH IT I HAVE NO USE FOR A WATER GOO
I REALIZE THAT YOU'VE GROWN UP THINKING WE WERE SOME SORT OF FAMILY.
THIS IS... REGRETFUL.

IF YOU DO CONSIDER ME YOUR MOTHER, PERHAPS YOU'LL ALLOW ME A SMALL EXPLANATION
FOR YEARS AFTER YOUR BIRTH, I WAS OF TWO MINDS
AS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED FAERIES IN AVALON, MY INDISCRETION WITH YOUR FATHER WAS CONSIDERED DISGRACEFUL. YOU AND YOUR BROTHER WERE CONSTANT REMINDERS OF THAT DISGRACE, AND THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO WILL YOU OUT OF EXISTENCE
ONLY, I COULDN'T EVER GO THROUGH WITH IT. THE EIGHT YEARS I SPENT LIVING AS A HUMAN IN THE HUMAN WORLD GAVE ME A REAL SENSE OF HUMAN SENTIMENT. IT FELT WRONG TO KILL MY CHILDREN. I COULDN'T DO IT
TWO MINDSETS-- ONE HUMAN, AND ONE FAERIE. I NO LONGER FELT MY FAERIE NAME, ORAN, WAS APPROPRIATE, SO I TOOK ON A NEW NAME. I BECAME OREADIA
MOTHER...
HELLO?
UH. EXCUSE ME.

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL THIS, AND... WELL, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON PAIN. DO YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN?
Re-not listening.
Uh... Hello? Earth to Pain?
OKAY, THIS IS GETTING AWKWARD...
I MEAN, FOR ALL I KNOW, EVERY MOTHER-DAUGHTER HEART-TO-HEART BETWEEN THESE TWO...
RESULTS IN THE DAUGHTER GUSHING BLOOD FROM HER CHEST
WHAT THE--?!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT! HOLD IT!!
WHOOSH!
CAN WE TAKE A TIME OUT HERE FOR A MINUTE?!
?
LOOK, THIS IS ALL VERY INTERESTING REALLY IT IS. BUT DO YOU THINK WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THE STORY AFTER WE STOP HER BLEEDING?
HEY, BRO! WHAT GIVES, MAN?! YOUR SISTER'S GUSHING OUT BLOOD LIKE FREAKIN' OLD FAITHFUL AND YOU'RE JUST STANDING THERE! HELP HER, YOU IDIOT!
?
HA HA HA!
RYANG, WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?


MAKE IT QUICK.
NO PROB!
YOU ARE SUCH A SWEETHEART! I KNEW IT! I'VE BEEN TELLING EVERYONE UP IN AVALON, AND NOW THERE'S NO DENYING IT! MAN, DO I KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM!
IS THERE A REASON YOU'RE NOT HEALING YOUR SISTER?!

MY, MY... WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

SINCE WHEN DID FAERIES' LANDING BECOME ALL ABOUT SUNSHINE AND SWIMSUITS? I'M FREEZING MY BUTT OFF HERE.
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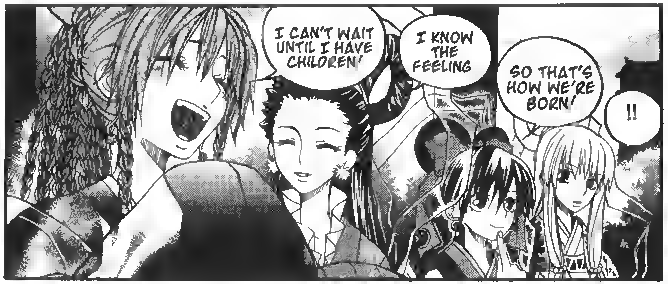
Mother and Daughter

Lotus Arbor, Avalon 150 years ago
PEOPLE OF LOTUS ARBOR, WELCOME!
IT'S BEEN NEARLY TEN MONTHS SINCE THE RESPECTED WIZARD WE KNOW AS MR CAINE AND OUR BELOVED FAERIE RYN WERE FIRST JOINED IN BLESSED MATRIMONY
MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VERY HAPPY YOU COULD JOIN US TODAY. MAY THE GODS BLESS YOU ALL!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR LADY SAMSIN TO BLESS THE HAPPY COUPLE WITH THEIR FIRST CHILD. IF YOU'D STEP TOWARDS THE LAKE, PLEASE.
TH-THUMP TH-THUMP
IT'S BLOOMING!
오!
오!

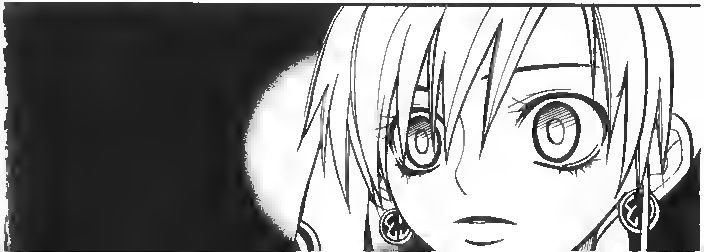
Wow!
MOTHER... FATHER...
MY NAME IS GIGI

OH! SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!
I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!
CONGRATULATIONS!
SUCH A SWEET LITTLE GIRL!
WOW...
I'VE NEVER WITNESSED A BIRTH BEFORE HOW AMAZING!

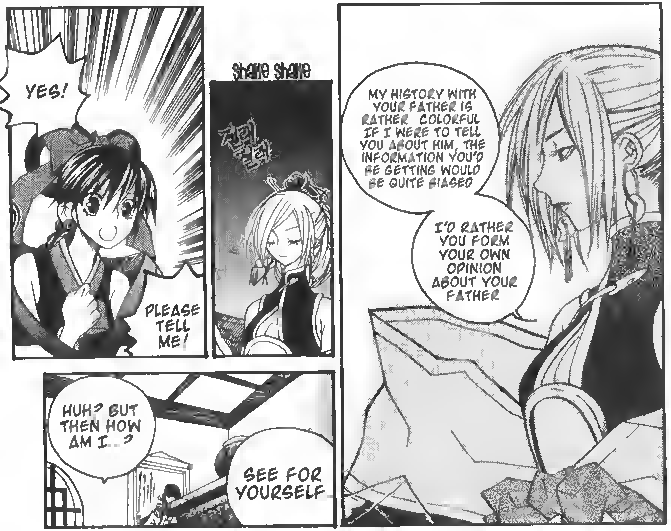

I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL I HAVE CHILDREN!
I KNOW THE FEELING
SO THAT'S HOW WE'RE BORN!
!!

THAT'S HOW WE'RE BORN, NOT YOU.
Who invited fools to the ceremony?
HUH?

YOU'RE HALF HUMAN, RIGHT? ONLY PUREBLOOD FAERIES ARE BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD BY SAMSIN
SHE DOESN'T BLESS ILLEGITIMATE HALFBREEDS LIKE YOU.

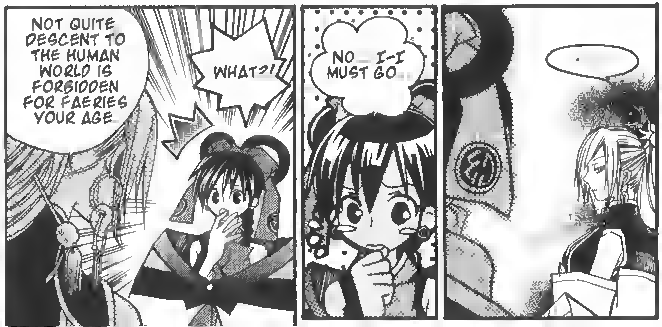


MOTHER? MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?
KEEP IT BRIEF.
I'M READING.
TODAY
I WENT TO THE BIRTH CEREMONY FOR MC CAINE AND FAERIE RYN
IS THAT SO?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FAERIE AND A HUMAN? AND WHAT ABOUT MY FATHER? HE WAS A HUMAN WHAT KIND OF MAN WAS HE?
I THOUGHT IT WAS AMAZING B-BUT THEN I HEARD THAT I WAS DIFFERENT
THEY SAID THAT SINCE I'M HALF HUMAN, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO THIS WORLD BY LADY SAMGIN.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT?


YES!
PLEASE TELL ME!
SHAKE SHAKE
MY HISTORY WITH YOUR FATHER IS RATHER COLORFUL IF I WERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIM, THE INFORMATION YOU'D BE GETTING WOULD BE QUITE BIASED
I'D RATHER YOU FORM YOUR OWN OPINION ABOUT YOUR FATHER
HUH? BUT THEN HOW AM I..?
SEE FOR YOURSELF

IF YOU CAN LOCATE YOUR FATHER'S PRESENT LIFE, YOU CAN GO BACK TO HIS PREVIOUS LIFE USING A SIMPLE REGRESSION SPELL
IN THAT WAY, YOU CAN MEET YOUR FATHER, GET TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, AND FORM YOUR OWN OPINION OF WHAT KIND OF MAN HE WAS

YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING MEMORY MAGIC...
..HAVEN'T YOU?
I'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT REGRESSION, AND SEEING THE PAST THROUGH ANOTHER'S EYES
THAT'S PERFECT. THE HUMAN LIFESPAN IS SHORT, FANTA.
AS A RESULT, MOST HUMANS LIVE MULTIPLE LIVES

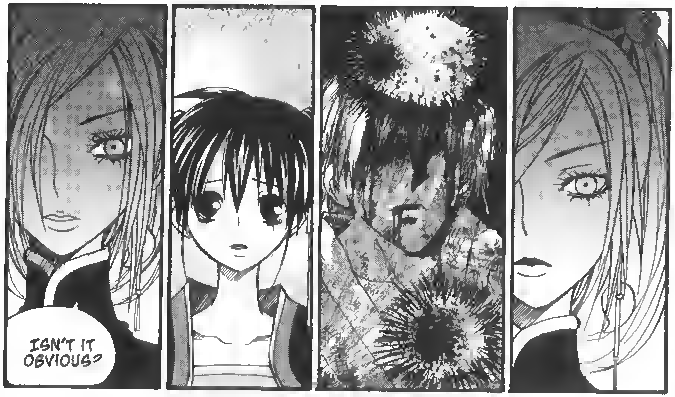


Err... I have no idea who the hell these guys are

THE PROMOTION EXAMS!
I'LL TAKE THE EXAMS! IF I CAN ACHIEVE HIGH RANK, THEN I'LL BE FREE TO DESCEND TO THE HUMAN WORLD TWICE A MONTH.
I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...
TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY FATHER.
THIS YOUNG MAN... COULD HE BE?
HAS FANTA FOUND HER FATHER'S REINCARNATION?
THAT ATTITUDE WITH A TOUCH OF ARROGANCE.
COURAGE TO THE POINT OF STUPIDITY.
I KNOW THOSE TRAITS WELL
GOOD AS NEW!
THANKS, PAIN
IT WAS NOTHING. SO TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN, SIS!

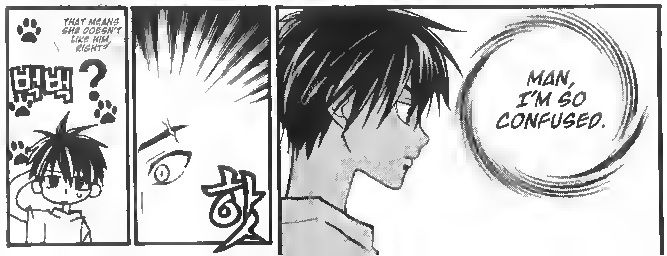
GOOD! NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL STITCHED UP, MAYBE WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF ALL THIS
HUH?
MOTHER!
Well?
...IT WAS HIS ROYAL WHININESS AND THAT BITCH OF A BIRTH GODDESS, SAMSIN
IT WAS WHEN I FOUND OUT WHAT THEY HAD PLANNED FOR YOU...
Charming as ever, I see
So have you done what I
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY DID YOU TRY TO KILL ME? I REALIZE YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN STRICT, BUT AS FAR AS I COULD TELL, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HOMICIDAL. WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THIS, MOTHER?
WHAT DID I DO?
I ENCOURAGED YOU TO DESCEND TO EARTH AND FIND YOUR FATHER BECAUSE I KNEW IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS, PERHAPS EVEN FATAL
HOWEVER, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT PUSHED ME OVER THE EDGE
...THAT I STOPPED SEEING YOU AS MY DAUGHTER AND BEGAN SEEING YOU AS A THREAT.

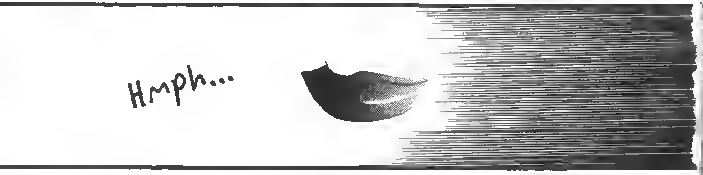
WHAT THEY HAD PLANNED?
MASTUH?
WE'RE GOING
WHAT?!
WAIT!
YOU CAN'T GO YET!
TELL ME ABOUT FATHER!!
YOUR FATHER...
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I THINK OF HIM?


ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

IF NOT FOR HIM...
...YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE...

...AND I WOULDN'T BE SEEN AS A DISGRACE!


THAT MEANS SHE DOESN'T LIKE HIM RIGHT?
MAN, I'M SO CONFUSED.



YOU MAY BE THE KING OF AVALON, BUT AROUND HERE YOU'RE JUST A BRATTY LITTLE BOY IN NEED OF SOME SERIOUS DISCIPLINE. I WILL NOT GRANT YOUR REQUEST.
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL YOU MAKE IT WORTH MY WHILE.

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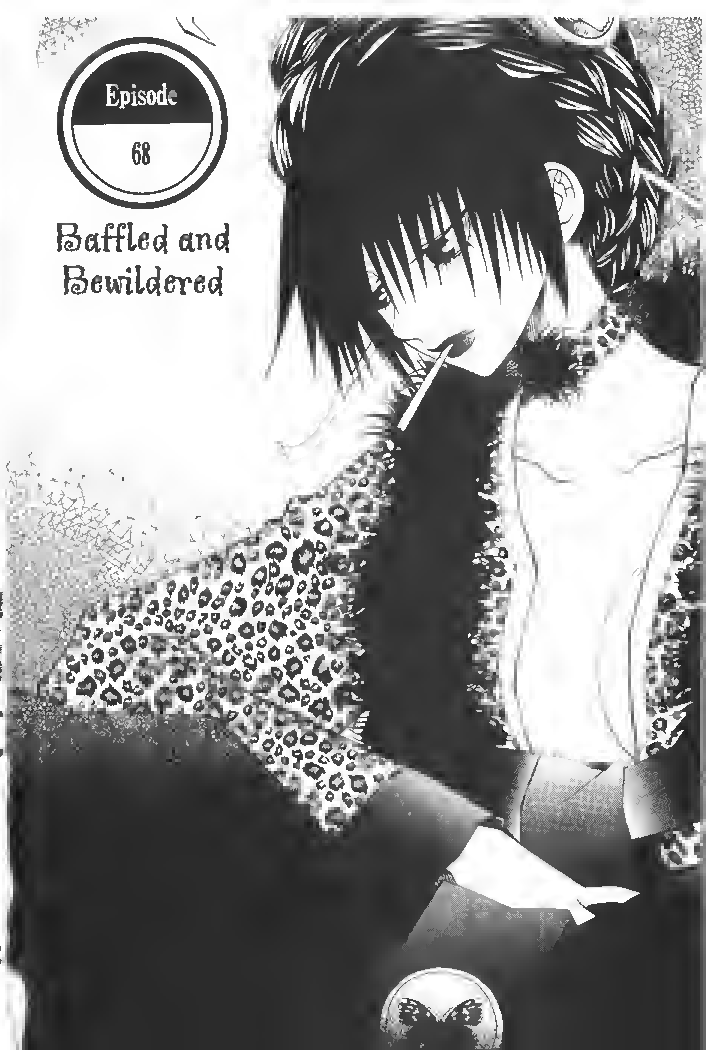
Baffled and Bewildered

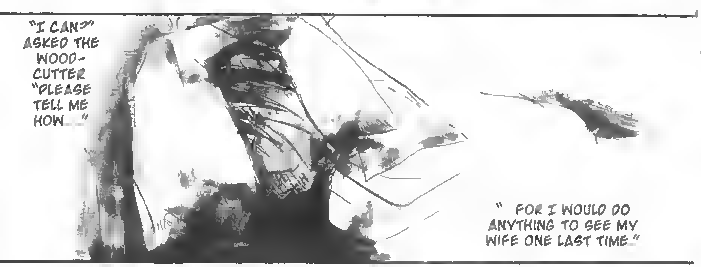


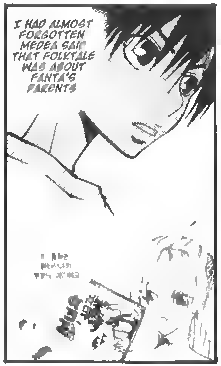
LONG, LONG AGO, THERE WAS A KIND WOODCUTTER WHO LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS
ONE BRIGHT SUMMER'S DAY, HE CAME UPON A DEER THAT WAS BEING CHASED BY A HUNTER. THE WOODCUTTER TOOK PITY ON THE DEER AND HID HIM FROM THE HUNTER.
TO REPAY THE DEBT, THE DEER TOLD THE WIFELESS WOODCUTTER HOW HE COULD FIND A WIFE.
AND NOT JUST ANY WIFE--A FAERIE WIFE.
pffft!
This story's lame.

DIDN'T YOU SAY THE WOODCUTTER WAS KIND?
AND IF HE'S KIND, SHOULDN'T HE HELP THE DEER WITHOUT ANY SORT OF COMPENSATION?
SEETHE
Ryang Jegal 6 years old
IT'S A DAMN FOLKTALE, SO WILL YOU STOP OVERANALYZING IT?!
This is story time, not a goddamn graduate course
"DO YOU UNDERSTAND?" THE DEER ASKED. "THEIR WINGS ARE IN THEIR DRESSES. IF YOU HIDE ONE OF THEM, THE FAERIE WON'T BE ABLE TO FLY AWAY."
"THEY CAN'T GO BACK TO THE HEAVENS WITHOUT THEIR WINGED CLOTHES, AND WITH NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, THAT FAERIE WILL BECOME YOUR BRIDE IN NO TIME."
POW!
THAT'S PRETTY DESPERATE HE MUST BE UGLY
UG
"SHE'LL STAY WITH YOU FOREVER AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER ONE THING. YOU MUST NEVER TELL HER WHERE YOU'VE HIDDEN HER DRESS UNTIL SHE'S BORN YOU AT LEAST THREE CHILDREN."

THE WOODCUTTER DID AS THE DEER TOLD HIM, AND FOR YEARS HE LIVED HAPPILY WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL NEW WIFE
THEY DON'T LOOK HAPPY
WELL, THAT EXPLAINS IT
THEY ALSO HAD TWO KIDS
THEN ONE DAY...
"I MISS MY DRESS SO MUCH IF YOU HAVE IT, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE IT IS? I'D LOVE TO WEAR IT AGAIN, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A MOMENT."
"I PROMISE THAT I WON'T FLY FAR"
THE WOODCUTTER WAS MOVED BY THE FAERIE'S TEARS AND DESPITE THE DEER'S WARNING
HE GRANTED HIS WIFE'S REQUEST
UGLY AND DUMB
FOOL
STUPID HUMAN!
HOW DARE YOU ATTEMPT TO HOLD A FAERIE AGAINST HER WILL!
FOR THIS, YOU SHALL BE DAMNED TO SPEND ETERNITY IN THE FIRES OF HELL.
DAD!
NO!
DIE, MORTAL
THE FAERIE ASCENDED TO THE FAERIE REALM, WHILE ON EARTH...

THE WOODCUTTER LAY DYING. WEAKENED AND HEARTBROKEN, HE CRIED OUT. THE TREES SHOOK WITH HIS ANGUISH. AND AN OLD FRIEND PAID THE WOODCUTTER A VISIT.
"DON'T DESPAIR," SAID THE DEER. "YOU CAN SEE YOUR FAERIE AGAIN."


"I CAN?" ASKED THE WOOD-CUTTER. "PLEASE TELL ME HOW..."
" FOR I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO SEE MY WIFE ONE LAST TIME."


I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN MEDEA SAID THAT FOXTAILS WAS ABOUT FANTA'S PARENTS

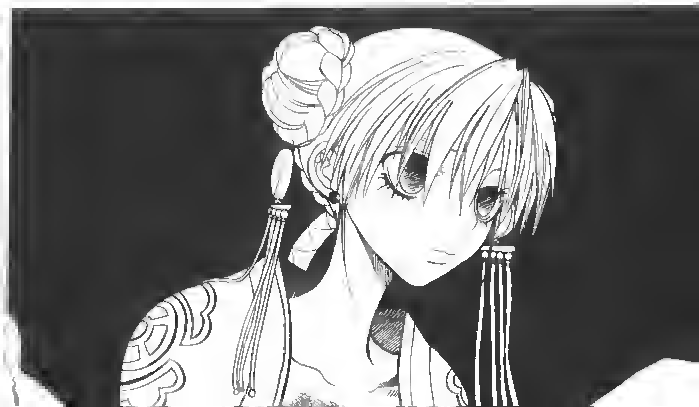
THAT MEANS THE MURDEROUS MIL F WITH THE NICE GET OF UH, WINGS!

IS THE SAME CRAZY FAERIE WHO TRIED TO GET HER HUSBAND OLD MAN...

UM SHORTY?

SO HE'S BECOME A STALKER?! DOESN'T THE FAERIE REALM HAVE RESTRAINING ORDERS?
POW!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
UGH!

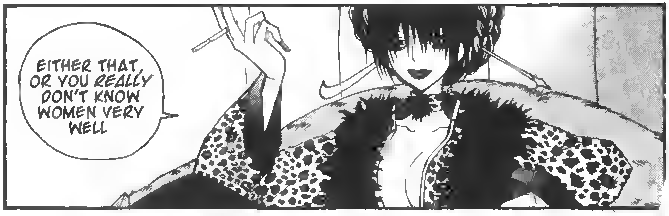
THAT'S RIGHT..



HE SEEMED TO BE HAVING SOME SORT OF MOMENT WITH FANTA WHEN I SHOWED UP. MAY AG WELL LET HIM FINISH IT. I HAVE NO USE FOR A WATER GOD
AND RIGHT NOW, FANTA NEEDS ALL THE FRIENDS SHE CAN GET.
AAAAAAH!!!
!!!
THAT'S IT, GIRL LET YOUR FOCUS DROP. I CAN FEEL YOUR SPELL WEAKENING WITH EVERY MOMENT

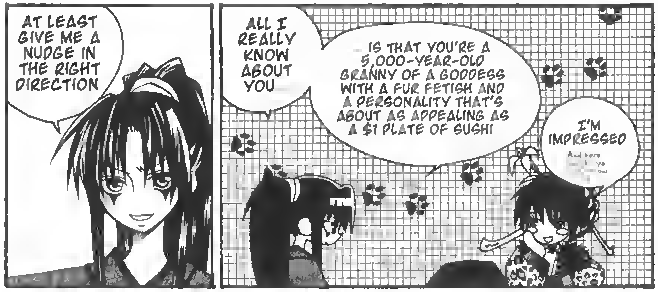
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD NO BEFORE, HAVE YOU? IT MUST BE ABSOLUTELY MADDENING FOR YOU
YOU MAY HAVE THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO PISS AWAY, BUT I DON'T
SO CUT THE CRAP AND JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT

THAT CROWN OF YOURS MUST BE LIMITING THE GROWTH OF YOUR BRAIN

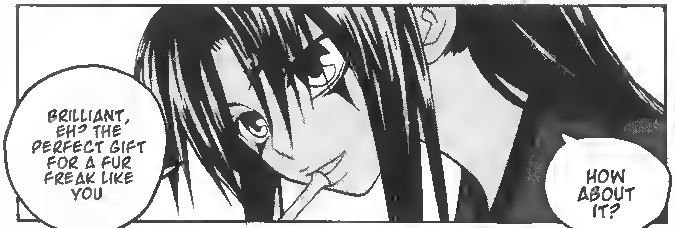

EITHER THAT, OR YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WOMEN VERY WELL

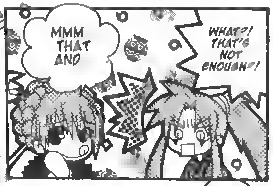
A WOMAN APPRECIATES THE THOUGHT AND TIME THAT GOES INTO GIVING A GIFT
...MUCH MORE THAN THE GIFT ITSELF. DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TEACH YOU THAT?
SURPRISE ME HIGHNESS.

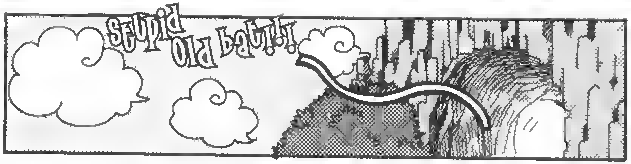
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
MAKE TIME I HAVE ALL CENTURY
OH NO


AT LEAST GIVE ME A NUDGE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
ALL I REALLY KNOW ABOUT YOU
...IS THAT YOU'RE A 5,000-YEAR-OLD GRANNY OF A GODDESS WITH A FUR FETISH AND A PERSONALITY THAT'S ABOUT AS APPEALING AS A $1 PLATE OF SUSHI
I'M IMPRESSED

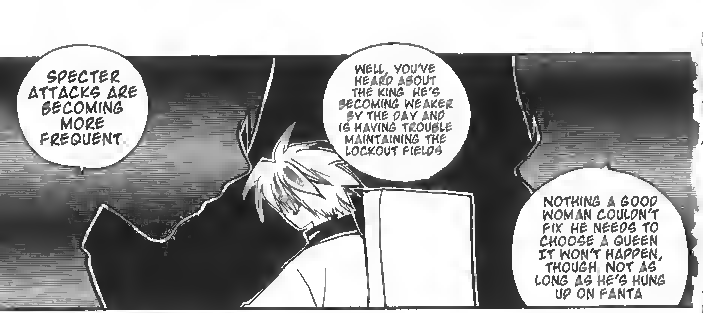
*Gumiho is a sly fox with nine tails that is featured in one of Korea's Folktales

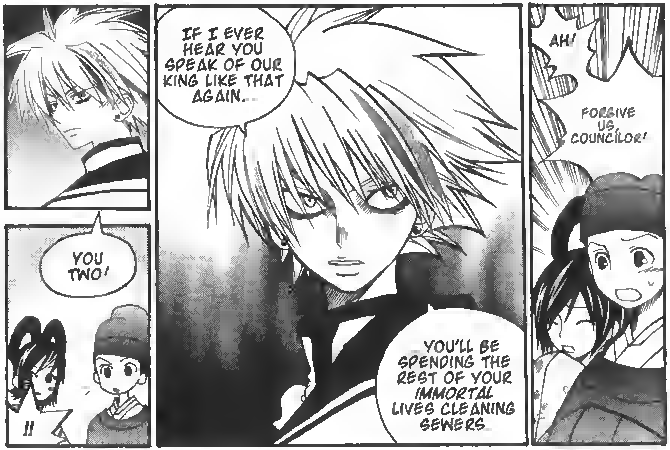






DON'T WORRY.
THEN I'LL SEE YOU SOON.
OH, HIGHNESS.
YOU'RE USING A CANNON TO KILL A FLEA.
WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR IS IMPOSSIBLE. SURELY, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS.
IF THE MIXED-BLOOD FAERIE HAS YOU WORRIED
THEN TAKE HER OUT BEFORE SHE BECOMES TOO POWERFUL. WHY WASTE TIME GOING AFTER HER MOTHER?
SIR, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!
WHAP!
WHAT IS IT?
큐!
WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT THE SPECTERS ARE AMASSING UP NORTH!
SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO OUR NORTHERN GARRISON. I'LL ACCOMPANY THEM.


SPECTER ATTACKS ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT
WELL, YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE KING. HE'S BECOMING WEAKER BY THE DAY AND IS HAVING TROUBLE MAINTAINING THE LOCKOUT FIELDS
NOTHING A GOOD WOMAN COULDN'T FIX. HE NEEDS TO CHOOSE A QUEEN. IT WON'T HAPPEN, THOUGH. NOT AS LONG AS HE'S HUNG UP ON FANTA


IF I EVER HEAR YOU SPEAK OF OUR KING LIKE THAT AGAIN...
YOU'LL BE SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR IMMORTAL LIVES CLEANING SEWERS
AH!
FORGIVE US, COUNCILOR!
YOU TWO!
!!

THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE. THEY'RE RIGHT.
HIS HIGHNESS IS WEAKENING.

HE'S IMMORTAL, LIKE THE REST OF US.
BUT WHILE HE MAY LOOK FOREVER YOUNG, HIS BODY AND MIND HAVE AGED. HE'S BECOMING WEAKER. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC IS DETERIORATING.
TO MAINTAIN HIS IMMORTALITY, HE MUST CHOOSE A QUEEN AND FATHER AN HEIR. HIS SPIRIT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO HIS SON, AND HIS CURRENT BODY WILL BE ABSORBED INTO THE LOTUS TO BE REINCARNATED.
THE CHILD'S STRENGTH AND ABILITY IS AS MUCH A PRODUCT OF HIS MOTHER AS IT IS HIS FATHER.
THEREFORE, A STRONG QUEEN IS DESIRABLE. SO WHY THE INTEREST IN FANTA? IS SHE MORE POWERFUL THAN SHE'S LET ON?

REGARDLESS OF WHOM HE CHOOSES, HIS HIGHNESS MUST CHOOSE A QUEEN SOON. HIS TIME IS QUICKLY RUNNING OUT
THE PERFECT BODY, ETERNAL YOUTH AND IMMORTALITY...
THOSE ARE HUMAN DESIRES, HIGHNESS. YOU REALLY SHOULD KNOW BETTER...
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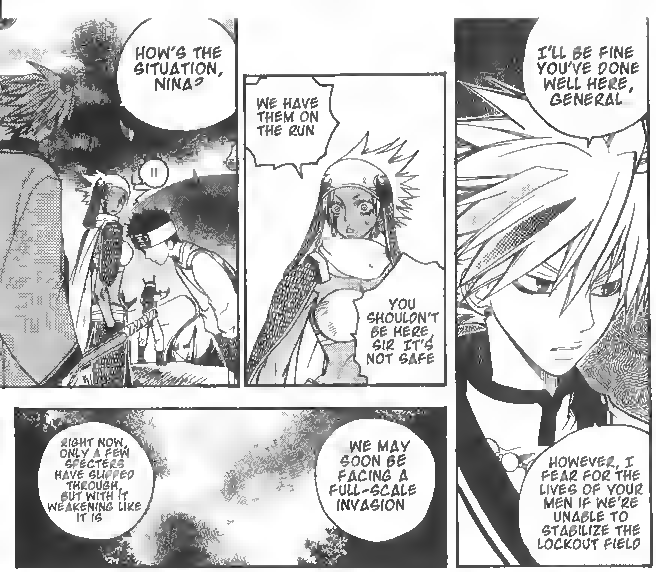
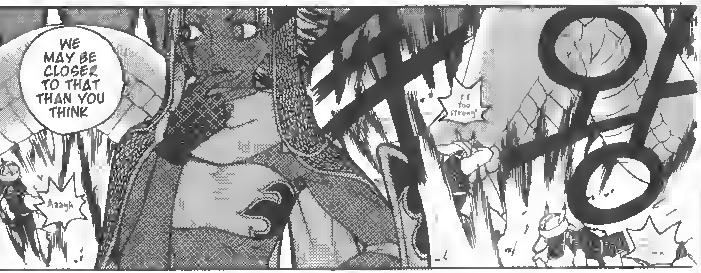
Run, Fanta, Run!

SECOND UNIT, MOVE IN! SEE IF YOU CAN FLANK THEM!
THE ENEMY IS WEAK AGAINST FIRE! I WANT ALL FIRE ELEMENTALS TO THE FRONT! NOW!!
Flame and smoke in deadly dance... I command thee now to ADVANCE!!!
Whew!
I'M SENDING YOU BACK TO HELL, SPECTER!
THIS TIME, STAY DEAD!!!
HUAAARGH!!
ZOOM
WE'VE BROKEN THEIR RANKS, MEN! FINISH THEM OFF!
GENERAL! THE PRIME MINISTER IS HERE!
THE PRIME MINISTER?


HOW'S THE SITUATION, NINA?
WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, SIR IT'S NOT SAFE
I'LL BE FINE YOU'VE DONE WELL HERE, GENERAL
HOWEVER, I FEAR FOR THE LIVES OF YOUR MEN IF WE'RE UNABLE TO STABILIZE THE LOCKOUT FIELD
RIGHT NOW, ONLY A FEW SPECTERS HAVE SLIPPED THROUGH, BUT WITH IT WEAKENING LIKE IT IS
WE MAY SOON BE FACING A FULL-SCALE INVASION


WE MAY BE CLOSER TO THAT THAN YOU THINK
Aaagh
It has strength

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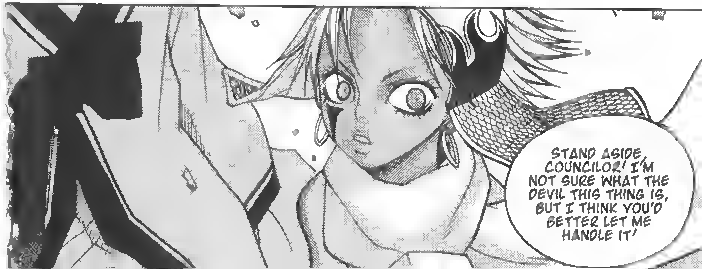
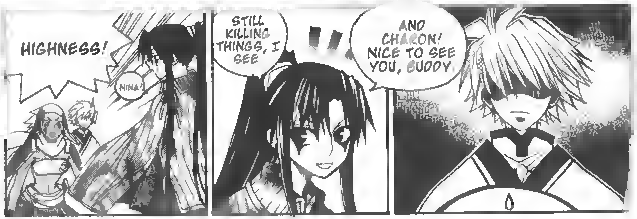
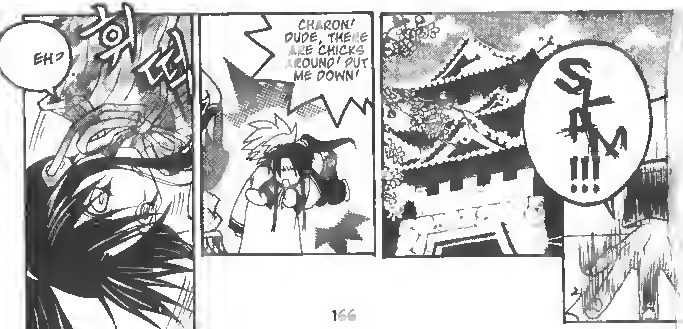
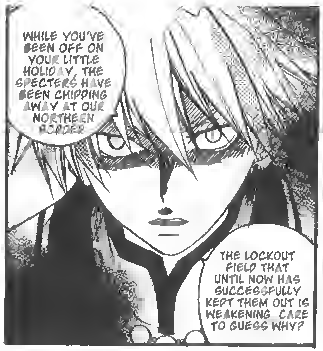
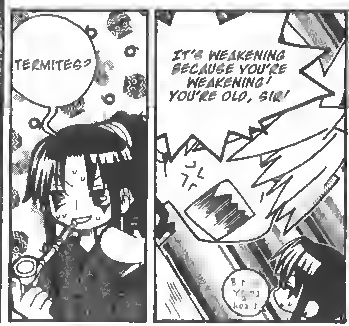

STAND ASIDE, COUNCILOR! I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE DEVIL THIS THING IS, BUT I THINK YOU'D BETTER LET ME HANDLE IT!

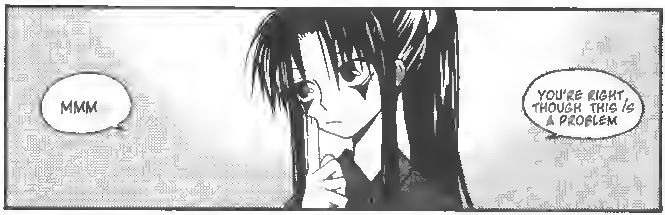
WHAT'S THIS? YOU GUYS WERE THROWING A PARTY AND YOU DIDN'T INVITE ME?!


HIGHNESS!
NINA!
STILL KILLING THINGS, I SEE
AND CHARON! NICE TO SEE YOU, BUDDY


EH?
CHARON! DUDE, THERE ARE CHICKS AROUND! PUT ME DOWN!
SHIT!!!


WHILE YOU'VE BEEN OFF ON YOUR LITTLE HOLIDAY, THE SPECTERS HAVE BEEN CHIPPING AWAY AT OUR NORTHERN BORDER
THE LOCKOUT FIELD THAT UNTIL NOW HAS SUCCESSFULLY KEPT THEM OUT IS WEAKENING. CARE TO GUESS WHY?


TERMITES?
IT'S WEAKENING BECAUSE YOU'RE WEAKENING! YOU'RE OLD, SIR!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YOU'RE RIGHT THOUGH. THIS IS A PROBLEM

AND I HAVE A SOLUTION
YOU DO?

MY NAME IS PANYA, AND I'M A FAERIE. BUT IF IT'S MAGIC OR A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, LOOK ELSEWHERE. THE ONLY THING I SEEM TO BE GOOD AT IS DECEIVING MYSELF.
I DECEIVED MYSELF INTO THINKING THAT I MIGHT GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING BY DESCENDING TO EARTH. I EVEN THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT FIND MY FATHER. HOWEVER, THE ONLY THING I'VE FOUND IS PAIN. FOR IN ENTERING THE HUMAN WORLD, I STEPPED RIGHT INTO A TRAP.
I ALSO DECEIVED MYSELF INTO THINKING I HAD A MOTHER THAT CARED ABOUT ME. WHAT A LAUGH. THE ONLY WAY MY MOTHER CARES TO SEE ME IS DEAD. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO FIND OUT YOUR OWN MOTHER TRIED TO KILL YOU? THE ONLY THING WORSE IS FINDING OUT THAT EVERYONE KNEW ABOUT IT BUT YOU.

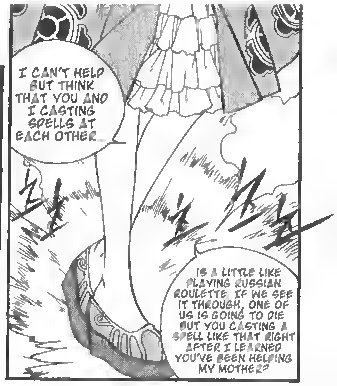
SNAP!
Fanta's time of reckon

NEPTUNE'S BROKEN FREE!
OH MAN! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO BEAT THIS GUY UP?!

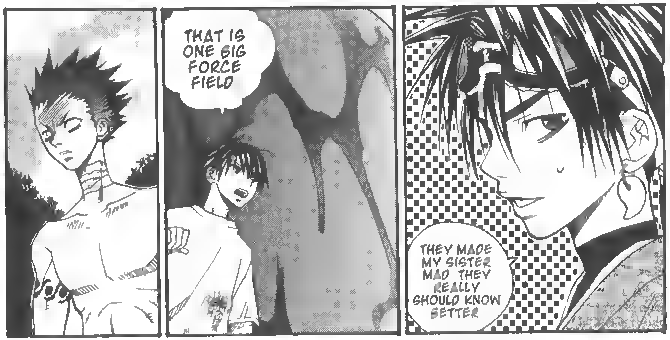
HAAAAAAH!!

River of strength flowing wide...
Bury my enemies beneath your tide!

NEPTUNE
—?
HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED RUSSIAN ROULETTE?


I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT YOU AND I CASTING SPELLS AT EACH OTHER...
IS A LITTLE LIKE PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE. IF WE SEE IT THROUGH, ONE OF US IS GOING TO DIE. BUT YOU CASTING A SPELL LIKE THAT RIGHT AFTER I BLAMED YOU'VE BEEN HELPING MY MOTHER?

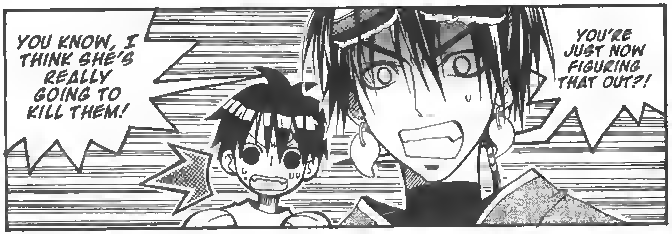
THAT'S LIKE AGREEING TO PLAY WITH A GUN YOU KNOW IS FULLY LOADED

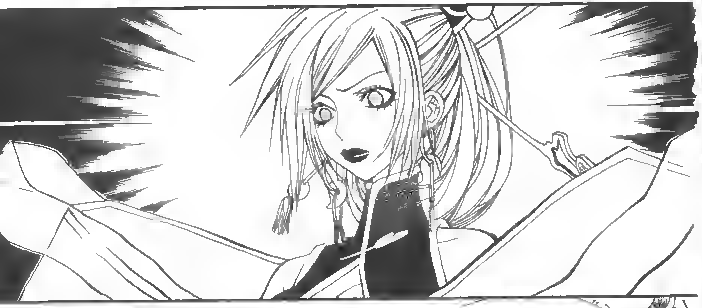

THAT IS ONE BIG FORCE FIELD
THEY MADE MY SISTER MAD. THEY REALLY SHOULD KNOW BETTER

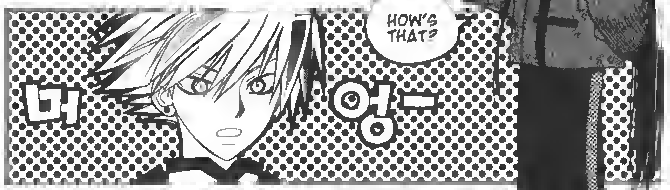
YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAND BACK, KID
—BUT FANTA
HUH?
WHAT?
AFTER I'VE KILLED YOU, YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CELEBRATION
BY THE END OF TODAY, BOTH MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WILL HAVE GONE DOW—

Nyrckes is rested and ready to resume!

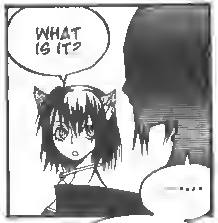
I TOLD YOU, MY BROTHER ISN'T LIKE THIS HE'S BEEN DECEIVED AND BRAINWASHED HE NEEDS YOUR HELP
HMPH
I HAVE NO PROBLEM BLASTING YOUR BROTHER THROUGH YOU, SO I SUGGEST MOVING OUT OF MY WAY
!!
KABLAAAM!!!
SHIT...
NYECKES!
LOOK OUT!!
HAAAAH!
THE SIGHT OF YOUR SIS GAVE YOU A SECOND WIND
BUT I'M JUST GETTING WARMED UP.


YOU KNOW, I THINK SHE'S REALLY GOING TO KILL THEM!
YOU'RE JUST NOW FIGURING THAT OUT?!




HOW'S THAT?

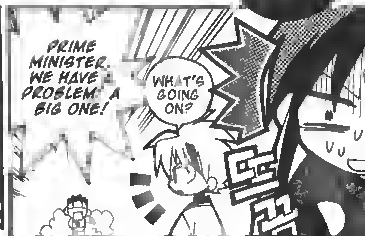
THE LOCKOUT FIELD IS BACK TO ITS FORMER STRENGTH.
I ALSO TOOK CARE OF OUR SPECTER PROBLEM. PESKY LITTLE BUGGERS.


WHAT IS IT?

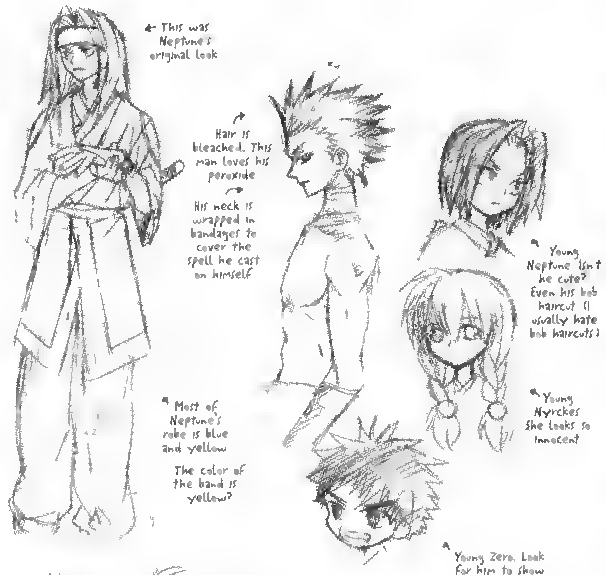
IT'S NOTHING

FANTA'S TRUE POWER HAS AWAKENED, WHICH MEANS THAT MY STRENGTH IS BEING ABSORBED.
LET'S GO. QUICKLY NOW.

HOW...? WHAT DID YOU DO?
I'M THE KING. I DID, YOU KNOW, KING STUFF.
SO NOW YOU'RE LOST.


PRIME MINISTER. WE HAVE A PROBLEM. A BIG ONE!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

Characters from the Faerie Realm


This was Neptune's original look
Hair is bleached. This man loves his peroxide
His neck is wrapped in bandages to cover the spell he cast on himself
Most of Neptune's robe is blue and yellow
The color of the band is yellow?
Young Neptune Isn't he cute? Even his bob haircut (I usually hate bob haircuts)
Young Nyrckes She looks so innocent
Young Zero. Look for him to show up in a future flashback

Young Fanta

Young Medea

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
OH GOD...
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
FANTA.
WILL YOU STOP WITH THE SULKING AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET US OUT OF HERE?!

AFTER ALL...
...IF NOT FOR YOU, WE'D BE TANNING ON THE BEACH INSTEAD OF DOING DRIFTWOOD IMPRESSIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOODY OCEAN!!!
SALSHI
The Endless Sea
荒荒大海
Sokcha (we think)

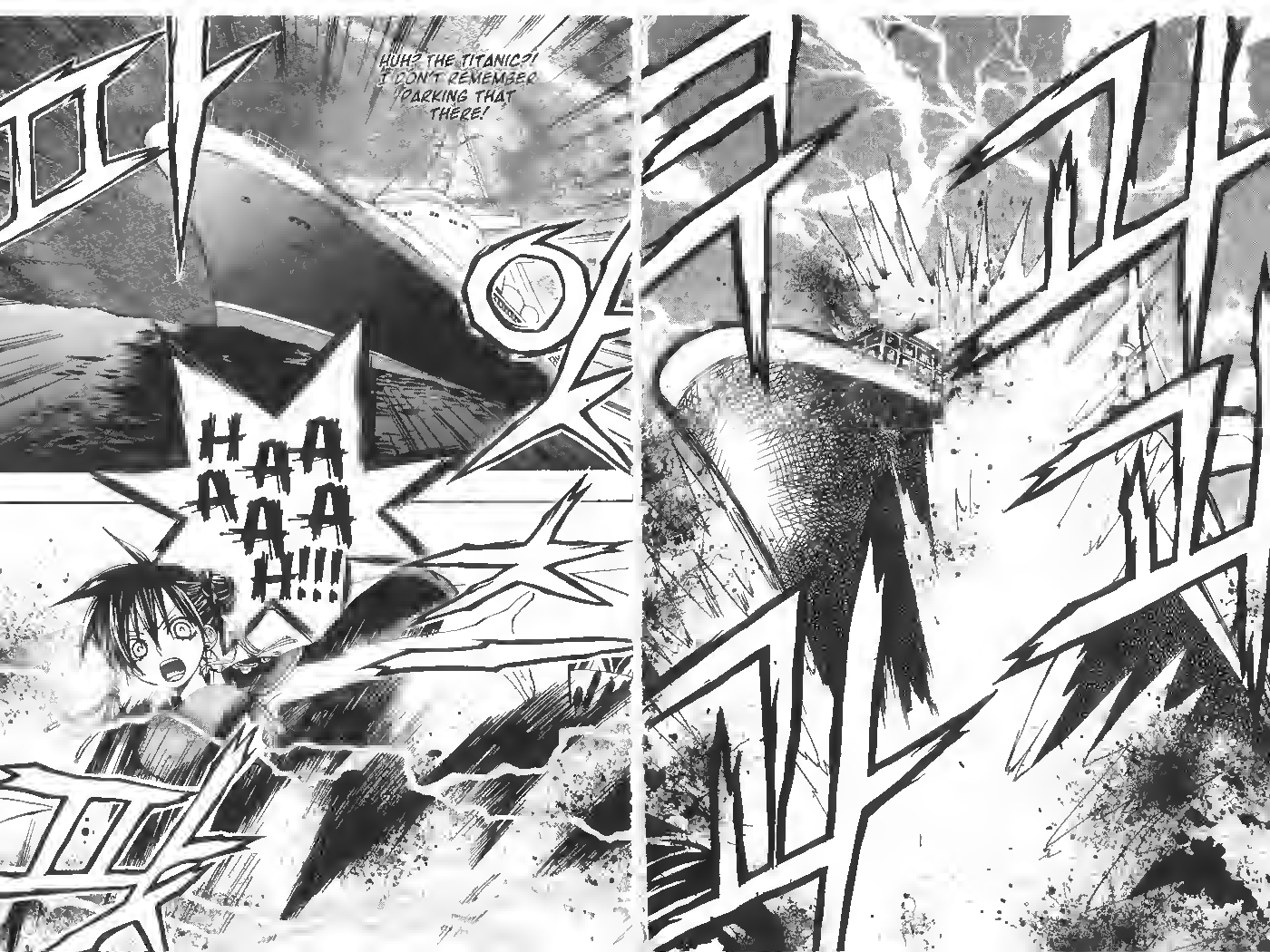
I KNOW
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
.....
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, DO YOU? LET'S GO BACK IN TIME ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, SHALL WE?

THAT'S NOT NORMAL
AND I'M THINKING IT'S VERY, VERY BAD
I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS THAT DILL YOU SAVE ME WHEN YOU STITCHED ME UP
I WISH WE NEED TO GO!
BUT LOOK

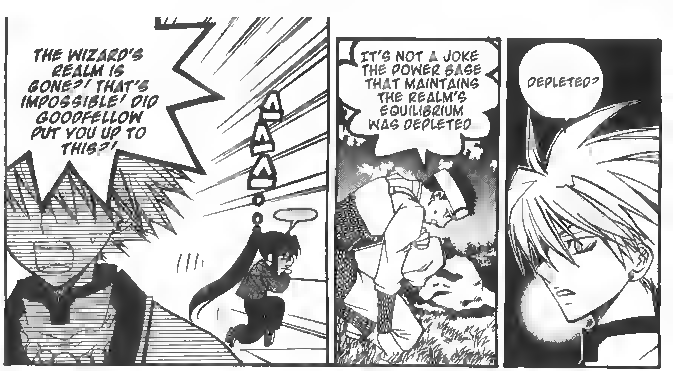
IT'S NOT STAYING BEHIND FANTA

FANTA'S REALLY LOST IT! WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE!
CALM DOWN I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS IS NORMAL
YOU SEE HOW EVERYTHING BEHIND MY SISTER LOOKS KINDA WAVY?
YEAH

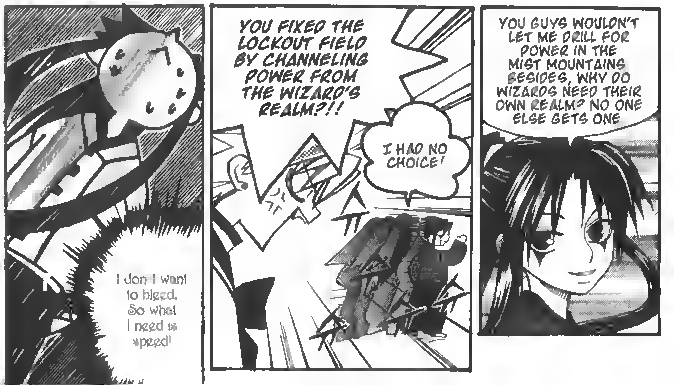
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S SPREADING.
WHICH IS WHY WE SHOULD BE RUNNING


HUH? THE TITANIC?! I DON'T REMEMBER PARKING THAT THERE!
HAAAAAAH!!!

AAAAAAAAH!!!
WHAT?!!

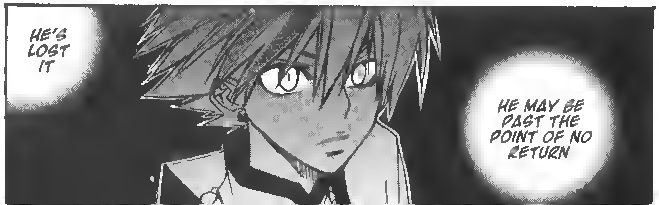

THE WIZARD'S REALM IS GONE?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! DID GOODFELLOW PUT YOU UP TO THIS?!
IT'S NOT A JOKE THE POWER BASE THAT MAINTAINS THE REALM'S EQUILIBRIUM WAS DEPLETED
DEPLETED?

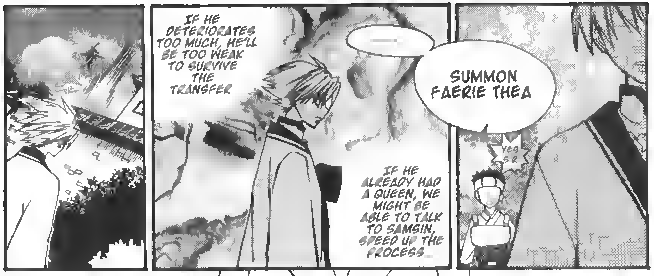
HIGHNESS...
Aagh!

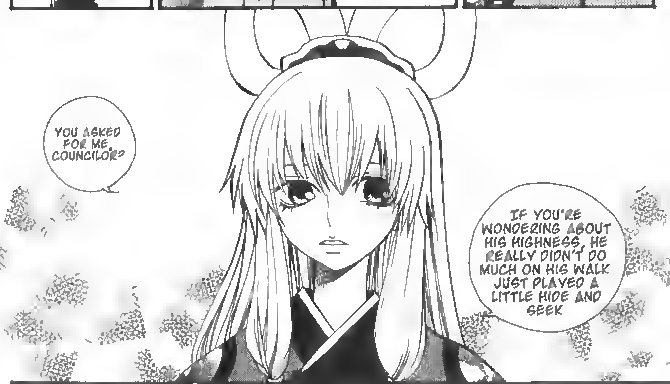

I don't want to bigod. So what I need is speed!
YOU FIXED THE LOCKOUT FIELD BY CHANNELING POWER FROM THE WIZARD'S REALM?!!
I HAD NO CHOICE!
YOU GUYS WOULDN'T LET ME DRILL FOR POWER IN THE MIST MOUNTAINS BESIDES, WHY DO WIZARDS NEED THEIR OWN REALM? NO ONE ELSE GETS ONE

YOU SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED US! CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THE PRESS IS GOING TO SAY ABOUT THIS?!
IT'S TEMPORARY! Lighten up!
THE SOVEREIGN'S SANCTUM

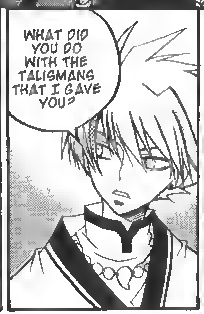
LOOK, CHARON, AS SOON AS I HAVE A NEW BODY, I'LL CREATE A DOZEN WIZARD'S REALMS
HELL, IF YOU PLAY NICE, MAYBE I'LL EVEN CREATE A PRIME MINISTER'S REALM


HE'S LOST IT
HE MAY BE PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN


IF HE DETERIORATES TOO MUCH, HE'LL BE TOO WEAK TO SURVIVE THE TRANSFER
SUMMON FAERIE THEA
IF HE ALREADY HAD A QUEEN, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TALK TO SAMGIN, SPEED UP THE PROCESS...
Yes, Sir


YOU ASKED FOR ME, COUNCILOR?
IF YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT HIS HIGHNESS, HE REALLY DIDN'T DO MUCH ON HIS WALK. JUST PLAYED A LITTLE HIDE AND SEEK

ARE YOU SURE?
YES, SIR.


WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE TALISMANG THAT I GAVE YOU?

OH, THEY'RE RIGHT HERE
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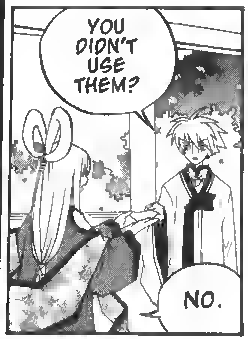
DIDN'T SHE PUT THEM IN HER SLEEVE EARLIER?


YOU DIDN'T USE THEM?
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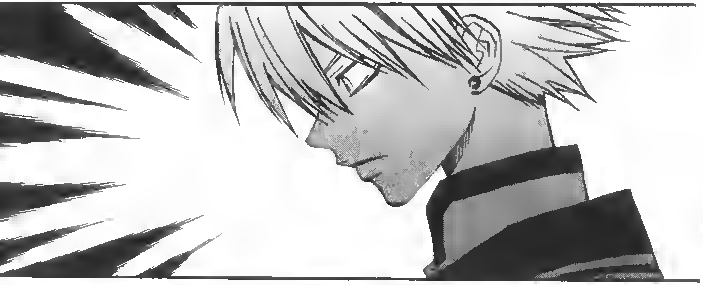
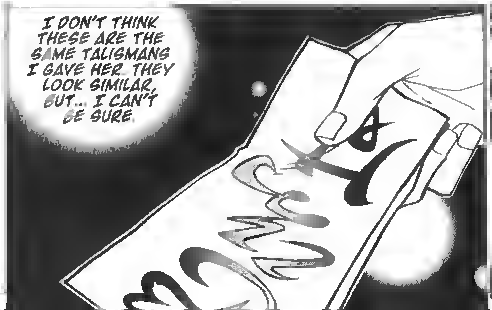
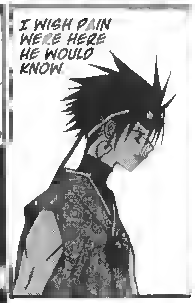



I DON'T THINK THESE ARE THE SAME TALISMANS I GAVE HER. THEY LOOK SIMILAR, BUT... I CAN'T BE SURE.


I WISH PAIN WERE HERE HE WOULD KNOW

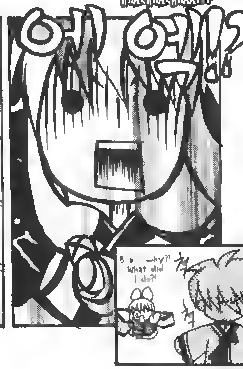
I THINK THEA MAY HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED, OR HAD HER MEMORY ALTERED IN SOME WAY
THANK YOU, THEA.

DON'T MENTION IT
I'D DO ANYTHING FOR HIS HIGHNESS

SNAP!

(Lack of Sleep + Stress + General Crankiness) x One Royal Compliment Too Many

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. HOW ABOUT A PROMOTION? YOU CAN HEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF DITZY FAERIES WHO DON'T KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP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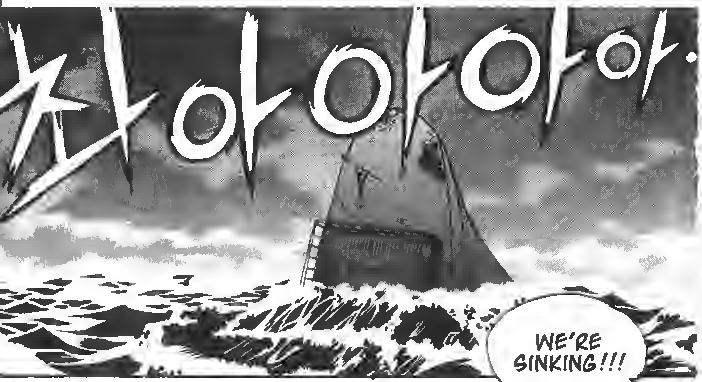
Is that REALLY a department?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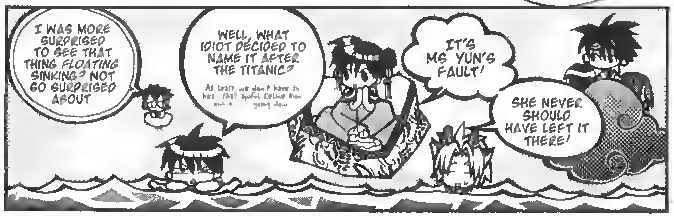
WE'RE SINKING!!!


I WAS MORE SURPRISED TO SEE THAT THING FLOATING SINKING? NOT SO SURPRISED ABOUT
WELL, WHAT IDIOT DECIDED TO NAME IT AFTER THE TITANIC?
IT'S MS YUN'S FAULT!
SHE NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT IT THERE!

OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN? YES, YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S A HORRIBLE PLACE TO PUT A SHIP.
HEY, YOU'RE THE GOD OF THE SEA, RIGHT? IF YOU SAVE US, I'LL STOP TRYING TO KILL YOU
HEY!

CONSIDERING THE BLAST THAT TOOK THAT SHIP DOWN WAS AIMED AT ME, I'M THINKING NO
NEPTUNE!

I CAN'T SURVIVE FOR VERY LONG OUT HERE. I NEED YOUR HELP.

YOU'RE WEAK AGAINST SEA WATER!
How could I forget that?

EVERYONE GRAB HOLD OF NYECKEG!
HEY, SAGE!
OH YEAH!

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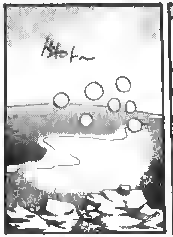
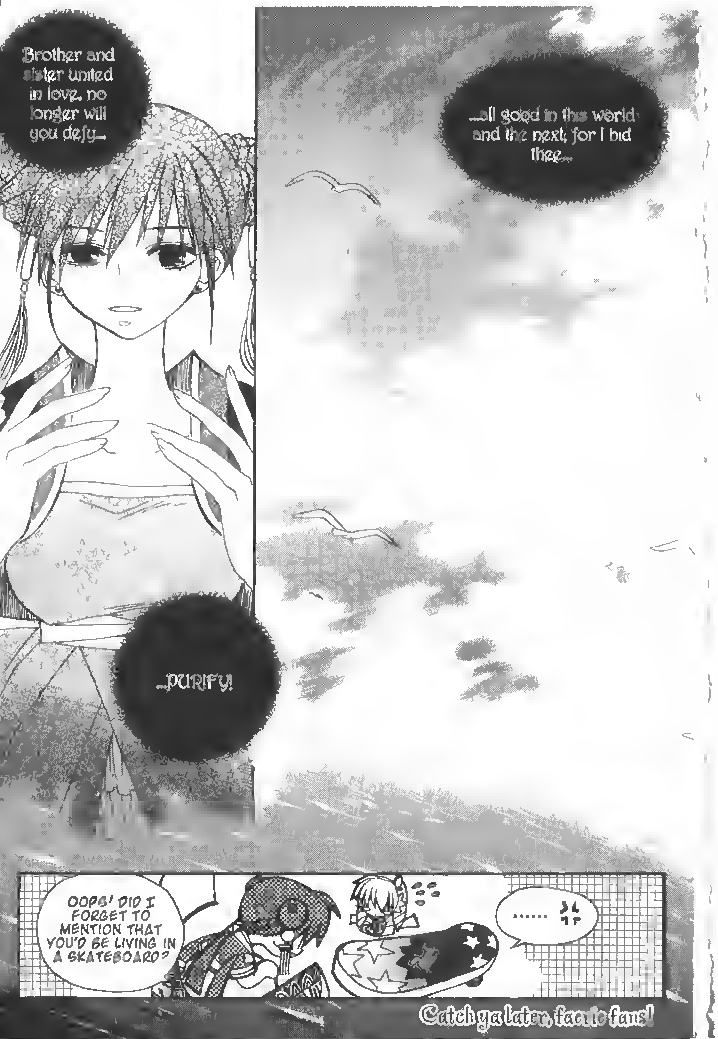


BY JOVE, IT'S SAND! WE'VE FINALLY REACHED LAND!
NOT BAD, NEPTUNE!
You're all right for a turtle.
JUST BEAT IT BEFORE I DECIDE TO BEACH A WHALE ON YOU!

NYEEKES?
HMM...
THIS IS MORE LIKE THE NEPTUNE THAT I KNOW
I TOLD YOU TO STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF SO WHAT NOW, NEPTUNE?
YOU KNOW, WE COULD USE A WATER ELEMENTAL
That's not the only thing You could use.
NEPTUNE...
PLEASE STAY WITH US I CAN'T LOSE YOU AGAIN

.....
ALL RIGHT, SISTER
WHOO, BOY! ONE MORE MEMBER! ALL WE NEED IS ONE MORE MEMBER AND WE BECOME THE SAVVY, THE STRONG, THE OH-SO-SEXY
SPIRIT SQUAD 5!!!
HEH HEH... LET'S, UH LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW
SPIRIT SQUAD 5?
BUT IT'S WHAT I LIVE FOR! OWW!
SO YOU'RE IN? I'LL HAVE TO PURIFY YOU
GO ON...


Brother and sister united in love, no longer will you defy...
...all good in this world and the next, for I bid thee...
...PURIFY!
OOPS! DID I FORGET TO MENTION THAT YOU'D BE LIVING IN A SKATEBOARD?
.....
Catch ya later, face to fans!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAERIES' LANDING EDITORIAL TEAM:

WHILE DOING A BIT OF RESEARCH ON THE MATING HABITS OF THE AFRICAN TSETSE FLY, ONE OF OUR FREELANCERS WAS BITTEN AND CAME DOWN WITH A BAD BOUT OF GAMBIAN SLEEPING SICKNESS. WHEN HE AWOKE, HE FOUND THAT ALL HIS BELONGINGS HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM AND REPLACED WITH A CRYPTIC NOTE ABOUT MOUTHWASH AND AN AD FOR A PLACE CALLED "BERTHA'S BAKED GOODS AND GUN SUPPLIES." WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH FAERIES' LANDING? WELL, WHEN HE APPROACHED ONE OF THE LOCALS AND HANDED THEM THE NOTE, ASKING IF HE HAD SEEN ANY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING PEOPLE NAMED BERTHA, THE LOCAL DECKED OUR FREELANCER SQUARE IN THE JAW, KNOCKING HIM UNCONSCIOUS, AND PROMPTLY MADE OFF WITH THE NOTE. WHILE UNCONSCIOUS, THE FREELANCER HAD A VISION. A VISION WHICH HE BELIEVES REFLECTS SOME OF THE EVENTS IN VOLUME 11. WHAT FOLLOWS ARE HIS WORDS AS HE TRANSCRIBED THEM TO US.

I REMEMBER SEEING ATTRACTIVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROLICKING ON THE BEACH. IT WAS LIKE A SCENE FROM BAYWATCH OR FROM ONE OF THOSE VIDEOS THEY ADVERTISE FOR LATE AT NIGHT...ONLY THE PEOPLE WEREN'T REAL. THEY WERE CARTOONS. AND ONE OF THEM LOOKED LIKE HE WAS PART GOAT OR SOMETHING. THEY DANCED AROUND THE BEACH UNTIL NIGHTFALL, AT WHICH POINT I WAS INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED TO A CITY IN KOREA.

NOW, IN THE MOVIES WHEN YOU'RE INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED SOMEWHERE, IT'S ALWAYS REALLY SMOOTH. IN A VISION, NOT SO MUCH. I REMEMBER FEELING VERY DIZZY AND NAUSEOUS. I SOON LOST MY EQUILIBRIUM, FELL ON MY BUTT AND LOOKED UP TO SEE AN OBNOXIOUS DUDE WITH SPIKY HAIR LAUGHING AT ME. THEN I SAW HIM WALK OFF WITH A HOTTIE NAMED YURI AND A TALKING CAT. AROUND THAT TIME I LOOKED DOWN AND REALIZED I WAS NAKED, SO I RAN OFF LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HIDE, ONLY TO FIND A GORGEOUS (BUT REALLY SHORT) BRUNETTE AND A GUY WITH A BANDANNA ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER. THEY WERE REALLY GOING AT IT! THE GUY WAS ALL CHOKED UP AND THE GIRL LOOKED SCARED LIKE THE GUY WAS GONNA HIT HER OR INVITE HER TO A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING MATCH WITH HIM. THEN THEY BOTH TURNED INTO EGGPLANTS AND THE GUY ASKED ME IF I COULD SELL HIM A TARANTULA AND I WOKE UP.

SO ON THE GOOD SIDE OF THINGS, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE CAN EXPECT A LOT MORE DRAMA FROM THE PAGES OF FAERIES' LANDING. THE BAD NEWS? OUR ENTIRE CAST MAY BE TURNING INTO VEGETABLES (WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY TO KEEP THINGS FRESH). SEE YOU IN DECEMBER!

FAERIES' LANDING

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Faces of a Folk Tale

If you've been reading *Faeries' Landing* from the very beginning, then you're probably already well aware that it's based on *The Heavenly Maiden and the Woodcutter*—a popular Korean folk tale. However, the inspiration has never been made so clear as it is in this volume, where we're given a scene of a young Ryang being read the tale by his older brother.

In *The Heavenly Maiden and the Woodcutter*, a woodcutter rescues a deer from a hunter, and in return, the deer tells the woodcutter where heavenly maidens (otherwise referred to as faeries or nymphs) take baths. The deer tells the woodcutter to hide one of their winged dresses while they're bathing so that the faerie will not be able to return to the heavens, and the woodcutter would then be able to live a happy life with her. The deer also warns the woodcutter not to tell the maiden about the winged dress until she has no less than three babies. As you know, the woodcutter does exactly what the deer tells him and the faerie eventually ends up becoming the woodcutter's wife.

After several years, the woodcutter breaks down and tells the maiden about the dress after she has had only two babies. When she finds this out, she puts her dress on and returns to the heavens with her babies in each of her arms. (The importance of waiting until she had squeezed out that third kid becomes apparent here, as she wouldn't have been able to carry her third child up to the heavens. Since abandoning a child is something no loving mother would be able to do, she would have had no choice but to stay on Earth with the woodcutter.) In some versions, the story ends here. However, there is a happier version of the tale.

In this more upbeat version, the deer tells the woodcutter how to ascend to the heavens to search for his wife and children. Once he finds them, the King of the Heavens lets him live with his faerie wife and the kids. Of course, thanks to Ryang, we'll never know which version of the tale Hun was reading. That's too bad because it might have offered us a hint about which direction *Faeries' Landing* is going in. What do you think? Happy ending or sad?

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